

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 117 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.**



**November Redeemer Herald  
2021**

## Pastor's Message

"In every situation no matter what the circumstances, be thankful and continually give thanks to God; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."(1Thess. 5:18)

In an article in the Daily Bread, Leslie Koh tells the story of someone by the name of Tee Unn. According to the story, when Tee Unn came down with a rare autoimmune disease that weakened all his muscles and nearly killed him, he realized that being able to breathe was a gift. For more than a week, a machine had to pump air into Unn's lungs every few seconds, which was a very painful part of his treatment.

However, Tee Hun has made a miraculous recovery. Today, he reminds himself not to complain about life's challenges. "I'll just take a deep breath," he says "and thank God I can."

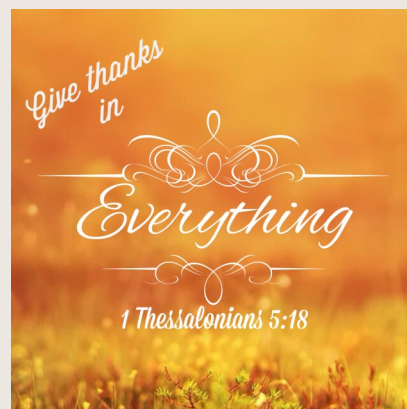
My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, how easy it is to focus on things we need or want and forget that sometimes the smallest things in life can be God's greatest gift to us. How so often we take this precious gift of life that God has given us and take it for granted.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, at a time when we are living in a "new normal" because of Covid -19, and as we gather with family and friends to celebrate "Thanksgiving," may I suggest that in the midst of life's daily struggle, let's take a deep breath and thank God for the simplest blessings and smallest things in life.

For truly, "it is the will of God to give thanks always and in every circumstance."

Blessed Thanksgiving.

Pastor Mukesh



## **Prayer Concerns**

**Members:** Lois Hershberger, Winnie Ferguson, Patti Paul, Aaron Winter, Beth Connolly, Linda Bartleson, Lynn Leppo, Lois Gradel, Danny Vile, Marty Danielson, David Erdman, Edith Williams, Elizabeth Reinas, Chris Ryan, Tim Kucey, Helen Susko, Don Farnham, Jim Reinas, Joanne Waldkoenig, Denise Robinson, Judy Lamb, Jeff Paulsen, Ilene Kersten, Donald Robinson, Effie Shaffer, John Schwenk, Pat Gallagher, Valerie Mihalek, Dee Grover.

**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, 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, 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, Sr., Donna Johnson, Britney Diabelko, the Dundee family, Irene Thomson, George Rehm, Ed McBlain, Wilbur Welz, Bill Armitage, Ray Short, Julia Aquilone, Lisa Knoll, Kyra Kinsey, Marcia Kulp, Julie Capriotti, Ruth Gabel, Denise Primavera, Al Degen, Jim (Butch) Dilorio, Sr., Irene Beaumont, Pam Milask, Mary Kender, Ann Marie Danieluk, Gavin McIntyre.

**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, Nicholas Ropars.

### **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 November**

**On November 14, 2021 we will pray for:**

Beth Bowe; Denise, Bob and Bobby Brad; Shirley Brendlinger

**On November 28, 2021 we will pray for:**

Karen Brown; Michelle, Dean, Jacob, Patrick and Trevor Brownlee

## Parish Register

Dear Friends,



Thank you so much for the goody bag and the thoughts and wishes that came with it. It is so nice to be remembered. I miss WELCA and being able to see all of you.

And best of all was the delightful visit I had with Joan and Rita.

Fondly,

Joanne Waldkoenig

Tom and I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, get well cards and best wishes. I am told I was in a very bad way and I know the prayers sure did help. I am making progress and I know I will be back very soon.

Thank You,  
Pat



*Welcome!!*

*Congratulations to  
Jessica and Richard Hotalen  
and big brothers Nathan &  
Nick on the birth of Elizabeth  
Rose Hotalen.*

*Elizabeth Rose was born on  
10/13/2021.*





**Saturday 10/16/2021**



# Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

## Faith Formation



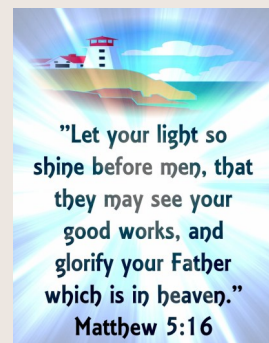
Adult Bible Study meets on Monday evenings in the Sanctuary at 7pm.

## Afghan Refugee Clothing Drive



It is a blessing when people respond to the cry of the poor. The Redeemer congregation surely let their light shine by their donations of winter clothing for the Afghani Refugees. Politics didn't get in the way of your generosity in caring for ALL GOD'S CHILDREN. May God's grace shine down on you all.

Thank you once again for continued support.  
Martin & Dolores Danielson



## Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

Stewardship News by Denise Robinson

Recently I came across a statement I'd like to share with you. ***“People make time for what they like; are they making time for church?”*** let's read this again—*People make time for what they like; are they making time for church?*

This statement has a clear message. How do we prioritize our lives? We certainly make time to do what we like. Think about the things you make time for. Where does church fit in to your time? Does it fit in? How could you do better? These are questions we need to ask ourselves.

The church, in this case Redeemer Lutheran, is a place where ministry happens every day. Do you make time to support the ministries at Redeemer? Do you make time to share your special gifts of time, talent, and treasure to continue ministry? Are you passionate about a ministry and give your time, talents, and treasure to have it flourish? Ministry can't happen without you, and we need to ask ourselves everyday are we making time?

Consider what makes you make time for church. Is it out of guilt or habit or duty? Or is it because you are a disciple of Jesus and follow the word of the Gospel. Is it because church is a community of believers that you can connect with in worship, fellowship, mission?

Congregations talk a lot about giving money to sustain ministries and keep the church building open, and time to worship, prepare food for others, serve on a planning committee or telephone members. All these are ways God's people share their offerings, making time. We give in response to what God is doing in our lives and the world. We give because of what God has already done for us. We give as a means of saying thanks for all God has given us—love, grace, forgiveness, and the name “beloved child of God.”

Sometimes giving can seem like a chore. The more families and church communities point to God's action in the world, the easier it becomes to join in offering our gifts and serving others, making time.

You can model generosity by sharing your time, talents and treasures within your church and community, and for those with young families, bringing your children along with you.

In worship, your children can help collect the offering and put in their own money. They can also talk with their families and church members about the gifts they have been given. A child who likes to draw might offer their artwork to hang in the church building or be used for a bulletin cover. The child who sings or dances could share their talent in worship or with a small group.

## Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

As our children grow, we can notice their gifts and passions, remind them of God's goodness in their lives and encourage them to give joyfully and generously. Giving our youth these tools, they will continue to make the time for the church as adults. This will also be a reminder to ourselves to look at what gifts God has blessed us with as well. Are we using them to serve our Lord through word and deed?

A simple activity for families as well as we older folks is to make a list of all the things each family member is good at and talk about how you can offer those gifts in service to others. For example, those who like to draw can make cards for health care workers and nursing home residents, and those who like to cook can prepare a meal for a new family for the elderly or someone welcoming a baby.

We each have our reasons why we make time for the things we like and reasons why we make time for church or not. Pray on this statement and feel it in your heart. As we come to the close of the church year at the end of the month and begin a new church calendar year, let us all start this new year with a goal of making time for the things we like with Redeemer Lutheran Church on the top of the list!

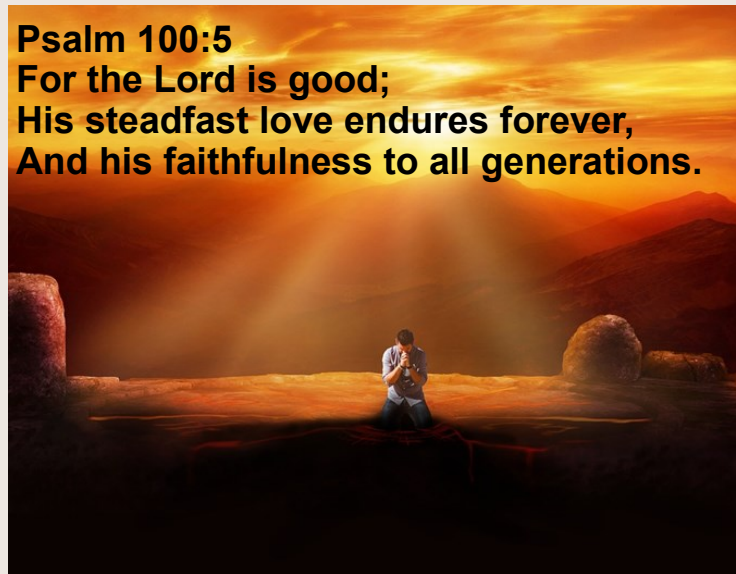
Start your day with the offertory prayer found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, a reminder that our lives are gifts to be shared with others: *Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



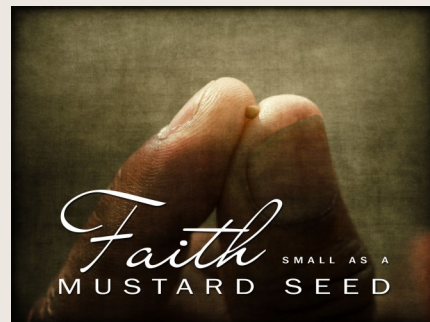


## Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

# STEWARDSHIP WORD OF THE MONTH FAITHFULNESS



You can watch a little video about faithfulness. Go to YouTube and type in Faith | a short film. It's a 6 minute video by mstah freeze. (When the video starts, click on skip ads.)



### Faith Activity

- Read the parable of the mustard seed found in Matthew 13 (verses 31-32) and Matthew 17 (verses 14-21)
  - Purchase a jar of mustard seeds from your local grocery store (spice aisle).
  - Purchase small glass jars with stoppers.
  - Label jars with the word "FAITH" using a small sticker label.
  - Alternately, print or write out Matthew 17:20 on a small slip of paper, roll it up and put one inside each jar.
  - Fill each jar with mustard seeds.
- Tie a string or ribbon around the stopper and display in your home as a reminder to be full of faith.

## A DEVOTION ABOUT FAITHFULNESS

What is faithfulness?

To be “faith-ful” means being FULL of FAITH in God, trusting in God even when it’s hard. God is pleased with us when we are full of faith in Him. The Bible says that without faith, it’s impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6). But sometimes, it’s hard to have faith. Sometimes, life just seems impossible.

Imagine the following situation and see if it reminds you of a story you’ve heard from the Bible:

One day, you found a special mirror from God. This mirror showed you something amazing and actually predicted the future. In the future, you were going to rule over everyone, like a king. You would be considered royalty above your own family. There would come a time where you would save everyone from a terrible fate. You were going to be the superhero! (Any guesses who this story is about?)

You were so excited that you told your older brothers about your vision of the future. But they didn’t like it at all and got mad at you. They already treated you differently because your dad loved you so much, and they were jealous of you. And, even when your dad heard of the incredible news, he didn’t take you seriously.

No one believed you. Your own family rejected you and didn’t care about the incredible miracle you were shown through this mirror. You were all alone. Your family hated you for the gift you were given. So, did you figure it out?

This story actually happened to someone in the Bible named Joseph, except Joseph had a dream instead of a mirror. Joseph was full of faith in God and trusted Him even when things got really hard. Joseph’s faithfulness kept him close to God and gave him hope, even when it hurt. And guess what? Joseph’s dream came true! He ruled over Egypt like a king, and he saved many people from starving, including his own family. He trusted that God would keep his promises. Even when he thought he would never see his family again, God brought them back together with love and forgiveness. God carried Joseph through tough times. Joseph was faithful to God, and God blessed him very much.

Just like Joseph, you and I often face situations where it's tough to keep our faith in God. But God is always with you. Remaining faithful to God even when you're tempted to give up is a power you get from the Holy Spirit.

Faithfulness is your superpower! It crushes hopelessness and destroys doubt. It's your shield from fiery arrows. (Ephesians 6:16) It helps you to stay close to God and to be ready for anything. The more you read God's Word and spend time with Him in prayer, the stronger your faith will grow. Faithfulness is one of the fruits of the Spirit. We can be full of faith in God because God Himself is faithful! He always keeps his promises. Psalm 89:2 says "Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens."

So, even when life is hard, even when you have a bad day at school, even when you get in a fight with your mom or dad, God is faithful. When you feel like giving up, ask God to fill your heart with faith. Ask Him to produce the fruit of faithfulness in your life.

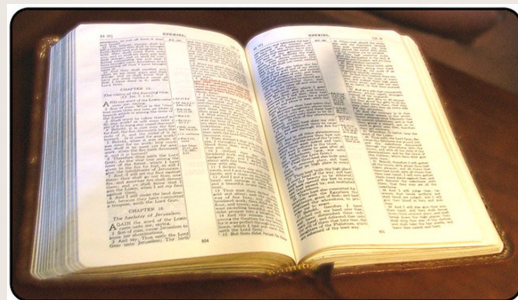
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## PRAYER

God, thank you for your **FAITHFULNESS**. I know I can always trust you and you will never leave me. Please help me to be full of faith in you. Help me to stay close to you, even when hard things happen. **Amen.**

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Please consider a **special request** from the Stewardship Committee. **Do you have a favorite Bible verse?** Do you have a Bible verse that has a special meaning to you or your family? Please forward those verses to Deb Farnham at [dgfteach@yahoo.com](mailto:dgfteach@yahoo.com) **by November 30**. We would like to spotlight those verses in the newsletters of 2022.



# Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

## WELCA Ministry

Welca News

We thank Jeannie Vitale and her daughter for their quilting program at the October 19 Welca meeting. It was very much enjoyed by all.

Sunday, November 14 will be the annual WELCA Thank Offering Service.

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Marilyn Hrywnak will offer devotions. Everyone is invited and welcome.

## Garden Club

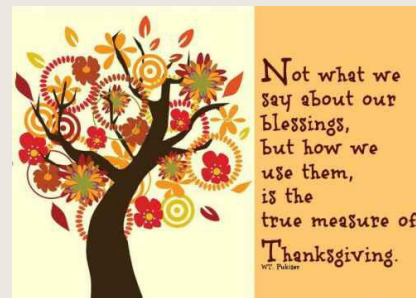


Garden Club thanks David Erdman for all his hard work trimming shrubs around the church shed and over the fence along the field. It all looks so very nice. We're all happy to have it cleaned up. Thank You, David.

## *Share Your Blessings for Thanksgiving*

Social Ministry will be collecting monetary donations to provide Bucks County Housing Authority Pennel Emergency Residents with gift cards. The due date is 11/11/2021. Make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church, but notate it is for Social Ministry.

Thank You in advance,  
Social Ministry



# Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

## Music and Worship

### ADVENT MATINS

On November 28th 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 hoping to still be able to enhance the meaning of the service with various musical offerings.

If you are worshipping from home, please come prepared with a candle that you can light so you can participate in the service as well. Please share this worship opportunity with your family and friends and invite them to attend worship in person or join our live broadcast on Facebook at 09:20 on November 28th.



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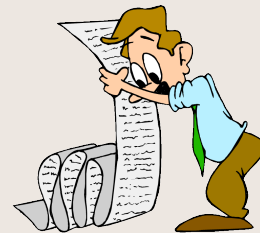
## Finance Ministry

### Financial Condition For Period Ending September 2021

	September
Current Fund Income	\$ 110,216.00
Donations	\$ 4,684.00
Reimbursements	\$ 425.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 115,325.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 129,199.00</b>
<b>Net Income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (13,874.00)</b>
Balance in Building Maintenance	\$ 1,441.00
Balance in Raise the Roof	\$ 6,347.00

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 Church Office Hours Monday thru Friday 9am-1pm.

Katherine Patelunas



# *Council Highlights*

Council met on September 14, 2021. In summary for our congregation members, the following items were discussed at this meeting.

Pastor requested that council set a time and date for a leadership retreat. Using the information that we learned from attending the Art of Betting reaching seminary, it would be nice for us to rethink our mission and vision statement. Council agreed that October 2 or 9 would work for a retreat.

Attendance is holding steady. We are thankful to be able to continue live streaming through Zoom using Facebook in order to capture our members far away and those that are unable to return to in-person worship. We have had a couple of visitors join us as well. If worshipping in person, we continue to ask people to wear masks and sanitize their hands upon entering the building.

We recently have had some large expenses including the lift repair, deep cleaning of the building, tree removal and the security system. The US Treasury Form for forgiveness of our 2020 PPP loan has been filed. An updated Financial Condition report will be submitted in the next newsletter so the congregation can see how we are doing with finances.

Our current cleaning woman has resigned and we will begin the process of hiring a new one. Currently we are examining the responsibilities related to this position and developing a true job description. Once completed, we will begin advertising for this position.

At this time as we continue to clean the basement and address the mold issue, we request that no one use the basement or go into the basement for health and safety reasons. The nursery has been relocated upstairs and the counters can use the parish hall. Stitching Angels has been asked to not go into the room for their materials at this time.

Redeemer is once again participating in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraising activity. The cost of a shopping pass is \$5.00 which we get to keep. When you shop on October 20<sup>th</sup>, you can also save 25% on your purchases. What a fun way to help raise money for our current fund.

Our ministries and committees continue to be active and are encouraged to submit articles for the monthly newsletter. Feel free to ask questions about any activity or to join in the monthly meeting.

# Sharing God's Bounty

November

## Showing our Gratitude

God gives us his love, goodness, and mercy daily. He has given us victory over sin and death through his Son. Christ has given us the blessings of forgiveness, justification, a new life, and an eternal hope. Because of his bountiful blessings, we should be compelled to show our gratitude. Do we? Could we, at times, be taking all that we receive for granted?

If Christ were to come into our homes in physical form, certainly we would express our thanks in tangible ways. We would make him comfortable, run errands for him, offer our best food, and give him our time and attention. However, we don't have that opportunity, so we show our gratitude in different ways.

One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day in our prayers and thoughts. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is expressed when we use the faith God has given us to live in obedience to his Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ's love in us. We extend our thanks to our heavenly Father when we give him praise and glory in weekly worship and privately throughout each day.

As stewards, we find that our gratitude to God opens our hearts to receive more of God's love, which enables us to be more faithful with our time, talents, and treasures. In response to God's love and grace, we give ourselves and our resources. When we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all, we will serve the Lord faithfully out of gratitude for all his gifts to us. Our gratefulness to God will enable us to give thanks even during bad times because God promises to comfort and sustain us in all things.

Blessings during this Thanksgiving season!

*Regardless of whether you tithe or use some other method of measure, the return you make to God should come from the "first fruits" of your labor. This means that your return to God comes first, before paying all your other bills.*

*If we give simply from what we have left over after all our needs are met, it is not really sacrificial. If there is no pain in our giving, then we can be sure that we are not giving enough.*






# November Kids Pages

## Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

A. the king of Aram; Elijah  
 B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah  
 C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha  
 D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)

# Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

David & _____	○	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa & _____	○	Acts 25:13
Naomi & _____	○	Ruth 1:22
Paul & _____	○	Acts 16:25
Joshua & _____	○	Numbers 14:6
Peter & _____	○	Luke 5:8-10
Job & _____	○	Job 2:11
Elijah & _____	○	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar & _____	○	Job 2:11
Jonathan & _____	○	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter & _____	○	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus & _____	○	John 11:20
Jesus & _____	○	John 11:5
Timothy & _____	○	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus & _____	○	John 11:5
Mary & _____	○	Luke 1:39-40
Job & _____	○	Job 2:11
Aaron & _____	○	Exodus 4:27

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PROVERBS 17:17a

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Sdas, Caleb, John, Biddad, Elisha, Eliphaz, Moses, A friend loves at all times, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth.

## PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



**What you need:**

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

**What you do:**

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

# November Birthday's and Anniversaries

## November Birthdays

- 1st Effie Shaffer
- 7th Marianne White
- 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 Northrup  
Andrew Northrup
- 30th Hailey Schmidt  
Rande Funkhauser

## November Wedding Anniversaries

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|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 11/1/2019 | Lissy and Joshua Tidwell      |
| 11/6/04   | Gail and Bob Blinstrub, Jr.   |
| 11/8/91   | Laura & Paul Ottinger         |
| 11/11/17  | Carol and Rande Funkhauser    |
| 11/12/95  | Cathy and Alan Dashoff        |
| 11/18/89  | Lydia and Joseph Cochran      |
| 11/22/13  | Cynthia and Lew Oser          |
| 11/23/74  | Denise and Paul Robinson      |
| 11/23     | Michael and Cathy Hemphill    |
| 11/25/00  | Patricia and Christopher Ryan |
| 11/28/87  | 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

**Our Mission:**  
As a community of faith we worship the Triune God.  
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creation through word and deed.

