

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 118 YEARS OF MINISTRY



Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Our Mission:

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Redeemer Herald January 2023

**Visitors and Neighbors:
Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church!**

*Our door is open to you!
We would be happy to have you join us as
a Partner in prayer, in song, and in the
hearing of God's word.*



MISSION STATEMENT

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Pastor's Message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Grace and peace to you from God the Father and from our Lord and Savior
Jesus, the Christ.

A blessed New Year to you! I pray that your Christmas celebrations were filled with the joy and peace that comes from knowing the One who came to be our Savior and King, our hope in all things. And I pray that His presence in your life will grant you strength to engage with each new day, carrying out your important callings and loving the people God has entrusted to your care.

Well January is here. It is the start of a New Year.
So I say let's not live in fear, knowing that God is always near.
As one of my favorite hymns suggest, may we,

"Now greet the swiftly changing year
With joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.

Remember now the Son of God
And how He shed His infant blood.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.

This Jesus came to end sin's war;
This Name of names for us He bore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.

His love abundant far exceeds
The volume of a whole year's needs.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.

With Him as Lord to lead our way
In want and in prosperity,
What need we fear in earth or space
In this new year of grace!

"All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!" the angels cry.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.

God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline Your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace
In this new year of grace." LSB #896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing
Year.

May God bless Redeemer and our community with His presence, our
homes with His peace, and our lives with His goodness.
Happy and Blessed New Year.

Pastor Mukesh.



Prayer Concerns

Members: : Lois Hershberger, Winnie Ferguson, Patti Paul, Beth Connolly, Linda Bartleson, Lynn Leppo, Marty Danielson, David Erdman, Elizabeth Reinas, Don Farnham, Jim Reinas, Denise Robinson, Judy Lamb, Dee Grover, Rev. Karl Hommen, Rich Moulder, Mike Dunn, Katherine Patelunas,, Heather Palladino, Ilene Kersten, Stephanie Rager, Ally Hommen, Andrea Cancila, Beth Bowe.

Relatives and Friends of our Members:

Holly Rogerson, Holly Gibbons, Wendy Zackowski, Liam Scheiber, Julie Capriotti, Ezekiel Mitchell, Emily Westerman, Marie Bordenga.

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 January 2023

On January 8th we will pray for:

Arlene Shecter, Dave and Cindy Short and Family, John and Danielle Slaughter, Rebecca Smith, Don and Rita Solt, Christina Spicer, Carol Stout



On January 22rd we will pray for:

Helen Susko, Steve and Lizz Szymanek, The Thomas families, Thelma Thorsen, Lissy and Josh Tidwell and Sage, Dawn Trapani

Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

Stewardship News by Denise Robinson

As we enter a new year and consider where we are as members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, let us first remind ourselves why we are Christians. To quote an excerpt from “Stir Us into Deeper Discipleship” from the ELCA, **“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.”**

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.

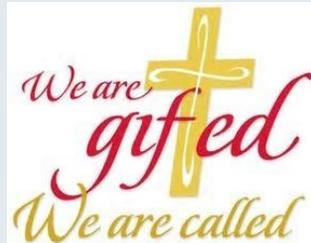
2023 is going to present awesome ministry here at Redeemer but it will also present challenges. In order to do many ministries, it takes money. We all serve God through the church by using our time, talents, and treasure, but there are times we need to step up and do more. Prior to Redeemer’s annual congregation meeting scheduled for January 22, 2023, you will be presented with a report of all the marvelous ministries Redeemer is proud of. You will see that our church family has a big heart and wants to serve the community through word and deed. In order to continue this level of ministry and grow, Redeemer needs financial support from members.

As baptized members of the body of Christ, as disciples, can we truthfully affirm that we are living out the words of our baptism? Are we truly members of Redeemer and supporting God’s work through word and deed? For most of us that would mean sharing our special gifts of time, talents, and financial offering.

Legally, our church constitution states that to be a member in good standing in the church a baptized member needs to commune and give an offering of record once. That’s simple enough but is that all you feel in your heart you want to do? Prayerfully consider what Redeemer Lutheran Church means to you and what brings you joy at Redeemer. Pray about what you are passionate about and act on how you can become involved in ministry at Redeemer. Pray about how Redeemer can lift you in your faith and share what you would like to see Redeemer do in the future.

We are in the process of planning our vision for the next 3 to 5 years, Redeemer needs everyone to be engaged in the ministries. Be present in the work of the Lord as disciples through stewardship. What a glorious, joyful feeling it will be!

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



Shared Meal Ministry

Good News! Redeemer went back to in-person shared meal on Tuesday, December 6.

Jason Green made chicken for the meal. We prepared mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, and green beans to complete the menu.

Approximately fifty (50) meals were served. It was wonderful to have thirteen (13) volunteers helping. The bus, provided by the "Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need," transported four (4) guests to Redeemer. Another twenty (20) arrived on their own. The remainder of the meals were picked up.

Thank you to the Christmas Carolers

We would like to recognize the following people that came over and sang carols at our house. We were so blessed with carols and fellowship and truly it made our day.

In Christ,
Jim and Elizabeth Reinas.

Names: Pastor Mukesh and Cameel, Wayne Degen, Carol and Rande Funkhauser, Trish and Ian Ryan, Sean and Amy, Ariel Schuette, Edna Schwenk, Karen Kondrk and John Slaughter, Liz Sarvat, Denise Robinson



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January-Discipleship through Dialogue

Read the following Bible verse, lesson, and prayer. You might want to discuss the ending questions with a family member or fellow church-goer.

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of house the LORD shall established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow into it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples' and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The mountains of Jerusalem are not particularly high. Mount Zion isn't even the tallest in the immediate neighborhood; the Mount of Olives is taller. And yet God says that "the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains" - if not literally, then certainly figuratively. It will become the center of all nations, and people everywhere will come to hear the Lord's Word and obey it.

Why? Because the Lord will be there Isaiah says, and His Word will gout from there to the whole world. That's enough to make a mountain great. And that' exactly what happened—because Jesus' cross stood just outside Jerusalem's gates, on the mountain of the Lord. Now Jerusalem is honored above all cities because this is where Jesus, suffered, died, and was buried-and rose and rose again, breaking the power of death and evil for the whole human race.

And just as Isaiah notes, the Word of the Lord went out from Jerusalem—because Jesus sent out His disciples to tell everyone about Him and what He had done. He said, “thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things”. (Luke 24:46-48).

Mount Zion is great, not in itself, but because what God has used it for. And the same is true for us, isn't it? We all know that ourselves we are not much. Jesus is correct when He says, “Apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5b)

But with Him—ah, that's another story! Just as He did with lowly Mount Zion, so He will do with us. He will use—even you, even me, if we will let Him! - to bring the Good News of His salvation to people everywhere. Because then it won't be us doing it, but He Himself, working through us. And Jesus does wonderful things.

WE PRAY: Dear Savior, show me what you want to do through me— and please make it happen, in Your wisdom and strength. Amen.

Reflection Questions

1. What is the highest mountain you have been on?
2. What is one great thing that God has accomplished in your life using humble people?
3. What is a great thing that God might use you for, to bring about His will?

(Dr. Kari Vo, Daily Devotion, LHM.org, November 2022)



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WELCA

The Cookie Walk happened Sunday, December 18. Thank you to everyone who baked cookies for the 2022 cookie walk and to everyone who purchased cookies. The cookies were all so beautiful and delicious. Choosing cookies is always such fun and a nice part of Christmas. Also, the event earned \$320.00 for the current fund.



The WELCA December meeting was Tuesday, December 20. Thank You to Katherine and Elaine for our wonderful Christmas party. We had Christmas carols, games, gifts, and cookies. A good time was had by all.



Next Welca meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2023. We have decided to change our meeting time from 7:00 PM to 12:00 Noon to allow members who cannot drive after dark to be able to attend. Please have your lunch before you arrive. We will begin at noon with devotions and continue with meeting and refreshments.

Devotions: Lynn Engle

Refreshments: Linda Winter and Rita Solt

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ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:

Are you a member of Thrivent? Redeemer could use your help – at no cost to you!

Full Thrivent members are entitled to two \$250 debit cards per year to be used for projects that help Redeemer or our community. We have used these cards to help fund Community Day, Shared Meal, Calendar Lunch, Trunk-or-Treat and more. All you need to do is request the funds from Thrivent by completing their online form under the “Action Teams” tab and describing how the money will be used. You need to request the funds at least 45 days before the date of the project. When the project is completed, you go back onto the Thrivent website and report how things went. It’s that simple.

Thrivent Associate members are entitled to one \$250 debit card per year. There is no cost to become an associate member.

We would like to keep track of which members are eligible for these funds so we can determine how to distribute them. Please let Lynn Engle know if you are willing to participate in these Action Teams.

If you would like more information, check the Thrivent website: [Thrivent Action Teams FAQs](#) or contact Lynn Engle at 215-787-7072 or LynnEngle0513@gmail.com

Thank you!
Lynn Engle



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Faith Formation

Redeemer Children's Ministry

Shout out to our amazing Kiddos on our annual Christmas Pageant on December 18th, about the meaning of the Christmas Tree! They did a great job reading and dancing 😊



The songs included in our Pageant:

Oh What A Glorious Night – by Sidewalk Prophets

Christ the King of Christmas – by Collin Buchanan

~Sunday Morning Faith Formation Classes~

On Sundays at 9:20am, Kiddos and youth can join us up in the SCS room to learn valuable bible messages through lessons and activities for all ages.

Have Questions or Want more Information?

Reach out to Jessica Hotalen, Children's Ministry Director

Xmissjessx92x@gmail.com



Events Happening at Redeemer



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**WELCA
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Events Happening at Redeemer



Christmas Caroling at Marge Einkenkel's House



Christmas Caroling at Attleboro with Winnie Ferguson



Singing at Penndel Borough Tree Lighting



Parish Notes and News

Dolores and Marty Danielson spreading Christmas cheer at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home.

They do so much for this home and it is greatly appreciated by the veterans.

Paul Robinson being a veteran himself donated his Thrivent action team card to help them with this project.

Denise Robinson



Dear Pastor Mukesh,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your kindness and support through this difficult time. It will never be forgotten.

Please accept this donation in memory of John "Howie" Schwenk to be used at your discretion.

Thank you again for everything!

The Schwenk Family from NY!

Ken Janet, Kaylee and Jenna

THANK YOU!
thank you!

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Social Ministry– Bucks County Shelter Families

Social Ministry has been very active this past month. Thanksgiving gift cards were provided to 4 families as well as Christmas gift cards. The Christmas Giving Tree was very successful with the continued support of Redeemer members. This year, members were able to provide the gifts by shopping themselves. As well as providing support for shelter families, we were also able to provide help for members in our own community. Gift cards, gifts and meals were provided for different families. Patti Finn and Jeannie Vitale were busy delivering gifts and meals these past 2 weeks. Shared meals and RAMM continue to be very active in providing meals for those less fortunate. In January, we would like to provide liquid laundry detergent to shelter families. information will be provide soon. Prayerfully consider donating a bottle of laundry detergent in January. Social Ministry is also working forming a grief support group; more information will be available as we continue to come up with ideas on how to provide this new ministry.

Cindy Oser, Chairperson of Social Ministry

Amazon Smile

This is your quarterly [AmazonSmile](#) donation notification. Your chosen charity, **Redeemer Lutheran Church**, recently received a quarterly donation of **\$63.33** from AmazonSmile. To date, Amazon has donated a total of:

\$1,042.10 to Redeemer Lutheran Church

Over \$400 million to all US charities

Thank you,

Your team at AmazonSmile



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Garden Club



Garden Club and Property worked together on Saturday, November 19 to clean flower beds, leaves and trim shrubs. The morning's weather was very cold so we especially thank everyone who came out and worked hard to get ready for the winter season. We very much appreciate property joining with garden club to complete this project.

Help Undecorate the Church on 1/7/2023 at 9am

Help is needed to undecorate the Church.. Come out on Saturday 1/7/2023 to help!



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 at the church office or put them in the narthex in the box designated for this.

Katherine Patelunas



Memorials

MEMORIAL DONATIONS – DECEMBER 2022

*To the Glory of God and in
Loving Memory of:*

John Schwenk

Schwenk

John Cassin Clee

A Memorial was presented by:

*Sandy Weasner
Patti Finn
Arlene Shecter
Katherine Patelunas
Carol Bergholtz
Barbara Contino
Jonathan Gross
Edna Schwenk
Mary Mills
Denise Robinson
Gail & Bob Blinstrub
George & Kathy Rehm
Don & Rita Solt
Deb & Donald Farnham
Carol Schuehler
Amy Hansen
Theresa & Fred Rossol
Mastrangelo Family
Cindy & David Short
Dorothy & Nancy Barton
Megan Hnath Brown & David
Brown
Marilyn Hrywnak
Beth Bowe
Ilene Kersten
WELCA
Ken, Janet, Kaylee & Jenna

Luz D. Schwenk
Sonia E. Schwenk-Bileski

Donna Parfitt-Herbert*

Sharing God's Bounty

January 2023

A New Year – New Opportunities

Each new day brings promise of a new start. For many, the start of a new week is the time to begin that diet, get serious about exercising, or forego TV viewing. For a vast majority, though, there's something especially motivating and invigorating about seeing the January calendar on the wall. This is the year we'll accomplish great things!

God doesn't necessarily call us to do great things, however. God asks that we be trustworthy in small things (Luke 16:10-11). To that end, God gives us gifts to use to build up the Body of Christ and to reach out to the lost.

Some of us have many gifts. People like Michelangelo – painter, sculptor, and poet and Thomas Jefferson – architect, statesman, and scientific farmer – come to mind. God, the Giver of gifts, knows that the number of gifts each of us has varies. Jesus told the Parable of the Talents pointing up this fact and teaching us that success lies in using what we've been given, not in having the greatest amount.

Our gifts also differ in degree. There are many sculptors but few, if any, compare to Michelangelo. Yet their art can bring satisfaction and inspiration to others. You may not be able to sing opera, but you can sing God's praises. You may not be a great orator, but you can witness to the love and grace of God in Christ. You may not be a mechanic, but you can provide transportation for someone needing to get to an appointment or to church.

That's why God gives us gifts and abilities; that we may be equipped to serve others. The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of his people. The motivation to do this comes from the same one who gave the gifts! Just as God was motivated by love for us to give us, not just our gifts, but his greatest gift, his Son, so we are motivated by love for God to serve those he calls us to serve.

The Scriptures call each of us to a deeper awareness of the wonders of God's blessings, the gifts that he has showered on us in so great an abundance, and to the challenge to use those gifts and talents creatively and responsibly.

But just as you excel in everything ... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us, see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

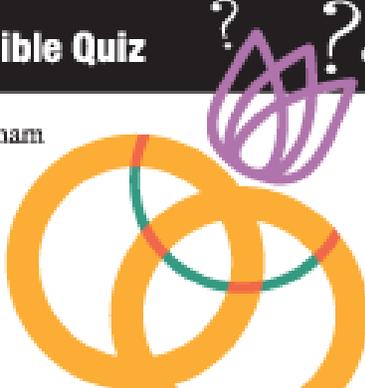
2 Corinthians 8:7

January Kids
Pages

Bible Quiz

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

A. Miriam
B. Keturah
C. Bathsheba
D. Tamar



Answer: B (See Genesis 25:1.)

PUZZLE 

A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek re_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but love your neig_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do right; seek jus_____. Defend the _____pressed. Take up the cause of the _____less; plead the _____e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown you, O mortal, what is go____. ... To act **justly** and to love me_____ and to walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

father_____

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_____cas_____

_____lice

So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them d _____ to you, for this s _____ms up the _____w and the Proph _____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, law, prophets

January Birthday's

January Birthdays

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
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