

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 118 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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and serve all God's people and creation through word and deed.**



**Redeemer  
Herald  
June 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.**



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## Pastor's Page

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

Well, once again we are in the midst of transitioning from the depth of winter to the riotous growth of summer; with plants hurriedly growing inches each day; with sunlight and bird songs increasing; and with nature's new face inviting us to enjoy the pleasant outdoors;

Truly Jesus' teaching about the lilies is all around us. As Jesus said, "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you-you of little faith!" (Luke 12:27-28)

Indeed God is a good God and keeps this wondrous, miraculous life going. Indeed God is the creator of the sky blue water and fish, warm summer breezes, and all the beautiful flowers. Indeed God is a God of grace and glory which completely surround us.

My dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of nature is a great reminder of Jesus' sermon about the lilies. "Don't worry" Jesus is saying, "God is with you!" Whatever fears and concerns block this grace of God from you, just remember the lilies, and let it go!

For God's grace is here to be received. Indeed God is good!

Blessings Always,

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, Michelle Morris, Jane Leppo, Edith Williams, Wayne Degen, Dolores Danielson, David Short

### **Relatives and Friends of our Members:**

Jamie Strohl, Maggie Taley, Francis Mullin, Al Degen, George Rehm, Jim Mosman, Beverly Jones, Bill Strecker, Bill Lee, Dwayne Males, Patrick Green, Nancy Margules, Donna Carlson, Raymond Short Jr., Kim Conti

### **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 June

### **On June 11, 2023 please pray for:**

Lydia and Joseph Cochran and family, Beth Connelly, Tracey Crouse, Dolores and Marty Danielson, Cathy Dashoff

### **On June 25, 2023 please pray for:**

Trevor and Jasmyn Davis and Aella Strohl, Angelique Defeo, Lauren, and Vera, Wayne Degen, Heather Depero



## Activities happening at Redeemer Trivia Night



The FUN Committee  
sponsored Trivia Night  
on April 28<sup>th</sup>. A good  
time was had by all  
who attended.

**Activities happening at Redeemer  
Calendar Luncheon  
May 13, 2023**



**Thank you to everyone who assisted in making the Calendar Luncheon a huge success. The tables were beautifully decorated and everyone enjoyed themselves. What a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and fun.**



## Redeemer Lutheran Church Ministries

### Food Pantry

The annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive by the post office was May 13th. We received two large truck loads of food. Thank you to all that came out and helped unload the trucks! We couldn't have done it without you! Now comes the fun part! We need to sort through everything, checking dates and separating them into categories. Sorting has already started. If you would like to help us by coming to the parish hall in your spare time, please contact Karen and she will get you in the building if you don't already have access. We would like to start with the food along the wall so we can get that out of the way for vacation bible school. Thank you for helping us with this very important ministry!



## Redeemer Lutheran Church Ministries

### Mother's Day Worship Service





## **Redeemer Lutheran Church Ministries**

### **Worship and Music**

#### **Ringling and Singing the Easter Introit**



#### **The BB (Birthday Boys) Band provided music for worship on May 21<sup>st</sup>.**



## Redeemer Lutheran Church Ministries

### Lutheran Night at the Phillies



About 20 people represented our congregation on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Lutheran Night at the Phillies. The rain stopped and the sun came out. Most importantly the Phillies beat the Chicago Cubs 12-3.

### THANK YOU CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you to Redeemer Members,

Thank you so much for the \$500 gift card. I was surprised at the amount! I am going to put it toward a new bedspread and curtains. We are all settled in. We have pictures on the walls and furniture (all of it) has found a place.

We've been to Jacob's (6 years old) baseball games and Sarah and Grace took me to a movie to see, "Are you there God? It's me Margaret!" We wouldn't have been able to do that if we still lived in Langhorne.

We really like the area and we have been finding our way around!

Love to all,

Holly Rogerson

## **Evangelism Committee**

We celebrated a successful Holy Week

The Fun Committee put on its first event Trivia night at the end of April. Thank you Trish and Meghan for making it a success

## **Calendar Luncheon**

- Thank you to all the hosts/hostesses that made such beautiful tables and baskets. And thanks to WELCA the main lunch if you didn't get to go this year make sure you get a ticket next year.

## **Mother's Day**

All of our lovely women were celebrated on Mother's Day. They received a beautiful rose when exiting the worship service and were treated to a delicious brunch cooked by the men in the congregation.





## **Council Highlights for the month of May 2023**

Council met on 5-9-23 for our monthly meeting. The following are the highlights from the meeting.

**Worship Team** - Thank you to the Worship and Music team for all they do!

**Faith Formation** - Jessica Hotalen discussed that she would like to possibly redo the room upstairs for the youth. Maybe do some painting and have the youth involved. Wayne Degen and Jessica to discuss further.

**Stewardship Team** - A new program to be reviewed by Pastor and Stewardship called New Consecration Sunday.

**Shared Meal Ministry** - We had 9 volunteers at the last shared meal and 40 people attended. All are welcome to volunteer.

**Evangelism Team** - The Calendar Luncheon and Mother's Day Breakfast were held last weekend. The Memorial Day Parade is coming up soon. Please see Chris Ryan if you would like more information.

**Social Ministry** - A big thank you to the Karen Kondrk and the food pantry for their donation to the Penndel and Morrisville shelters of baby items. They were given to the shelter representative and very much appreciated. Thank you to all who donate to the food pantry.


Thank you to Gail Blinstrub for continuing to do the church bulletins and all the other office work at this time!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannie Vitale, Church Council Secretary

# Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

## Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship News by Denise Robinson

Stewardship is Heart Work! 

“Because everything is a gift from God, we are only stewards, or managers of all that we have. Everything belongs to God, so we do not have absolute ownership of anything. It is our responsibility to take care of and make good use of what God has entrusted to us.” (*Stewardship newsletter, Parish Publishing LLC 2018*)

If anyone ever attended Sunday school or Bible study, you are familiar with the parable of the Talents. (Mathew 25:14-30) In this teaching, Jesus tells of a master who was going on a long journey and entrusted his property to his servants. Two of his servants went out and doubled their investments but the third did nothing with what was given to him. Those who used their talents were rewarded according to their ability but the servant who did nothing was let go.

So, what is the message Jesus was sending? Not being a theological scholar, I can only share the message I grew up with. We have each been given special talents/gifts from God. God wants us to use whatever talents we possess in his service. It doesn't matter if we are the “best” but that we use our talents to the best of our ability. If you can use a broom help someone who needs assistance cleaning their residence. You can paint, use a hammer or a saw? Give a hand to someone who needs work done. Or maybe you can sing or play an instrument, volunteer in your church choir, or offer music at worship. Cooking might be your gift, plan a meal for someone who could use help. If you're a good listener, lend a compassionate ear to a friend. If you have a generous heart and love supporting ministry through financial giving this is God's gift to you.

The possibilities are endless, and we all have special talents, young and old! Each of us has so many gifts to share and are discovering that God has given us gifts we didn't realize we had. Everything we have is a gift from God. Use these gifts to do God's work in the church, the community, and the world.

As we enter the summer months ministry continues at Redeemer. How you use the gifts Gods has blessed you with is your decision, you are encouraged to keep up with the events that are happening and be part of the wonderful ministries. Invite friends and family to the community day, fun night, VBS and to worship. Get involved with the garden club or the food pantry or the shared meal ministry. If a ministry is in need, ask yourself how you can support it. Use your special gifts to enhance the ministries at Redeemer!

May God continue to bless you!

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### JUNE-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 churchgoer.**

*Acts 2:42-47 - And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

The early church was generous—too generous, some people today would say. They were selling property and sharing with the poor like there was no tomorrow. And they were happy! As Luke says, they had "glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people." What could cause this sort of generous joy?

There's one time it's incredibly easy to be generous, and that's when you yourself have just received the gift of a lifetime. Who can be stingy when your heart is overflowing with joy and gratitude? That was the case with these Christians, and it's the case for us today, too. Why? Because God Himself has poured out all His riches upon us, and we are so blessed we hardly know where to turn.



Think about it. What has God given us? Life—joy—forgiveness of sins. The promise of a new heaven and earth with no evil or sin to trouble us. Jesus, God's own Son, to be our Savior. The Holy Spirit, to live within us and keep us forever.

And since Jesus is God made visible for us—what has Jesus done for us in particular? Become a human being, leaving the glory of heaven to share our difficult lives on earth. Healed and taught and preached and forgave, with all patience and kindness. Proved to us through His actions that every human being matters to God, however poor or oppressed or young or old. Laid down His life for us on the cross, so that we might be forgiven and set free from the power of evil. Rose from the dead, so that everyone who trusts in Him will share that same everlasting life and joy. Promised to return to take us to be with Him forever—so that we need not fear the future. We know the One who rules life and death, and He holds us in His own scarred hands.

These are just a few of the overflowing gifts of God He has heaped on us. Faced with His love, we respond with gladness—and God's generous love overflows through us to others.

**WE PRAY:** Father, open my heart to share Your blessings with others—and show me the specific ways You want me to do that. Amen.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Name one of the happiest days in your life.
2. Tell about someone who has been generous in some way to you. What motivated them?
3. When you are joyful, how do you share that joy with others?

(Dr. Kari Vo, Daily Devotion, LHM.org, February 1, 2023)



Join us in July (July 23 - 27th) as we travel back to the time of Castles and dragons! Throughout the week, we will discover how to put on the armor of God. We're looking for kings, queens, knights & jesters of all ages from preschool to elementary (5th grade)!

## July 23rd to July 27th



6:15 ~ 8:30 pm

(light dinner will be offered before  
6:15)

All ages from 2 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
are welcome to join us!

Registration is \$15 per child

To register your child or to join us as a volunteer, go to:

[www.myvbs.org/RedeemerPenndelVBS](http://www.myvbs.org/RedeemerPenndelVBS)

VBS Program will be Sunday evening through Thursday evening, we will have a family celebration on Friday night to celebrate our VBS program with ice cream and games!

If you have any questions, reach out to Jessica Hotalen, VBS Director  
([xmissjessx92x@gmail.com](mailto:xmissjessx92x@gmail.com))

## **Redeemer Lutheran Ministries**

### **Garden Club Ministry**

Garden Club met on Monday, May 15 to plant the Mother's Day sponsored geraniums around the front of the Redeemer Church building with Deb Farnham, Jeannie Vitale, Carole Chatelain, Linda Winter, David Erdman, and Rita Solt present. We are all grateful to have David healthy and back with us. We are missing Heather Palladino and wishing her a quick recovery.

On Thursday, May 18, Carole, and Rita and Don Solt weeded and planted geraniums around the Redeemer office building. Don installed a new water faucet in front of the building for watering of the new plants.



### **SHARED MEAL MINISTRY**



Tuesday, May 2 shared meal served ziti provided by Redeemer volunteers. We used the frozen broccoli mixed vegetables with roll and butter, salad, dessert and drinks. Our number of guests held steady at about forty (40). Thank You to Arlene Shecter, Edna Schwenk and Pastor Mukesh for serving and thank you to our kitchen staff.

The next shared meal is Tuesday, June 6. We will be serving ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, pineapple stuffing, green beans, salad, roll and butter, and desserts.



## Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

### WELCA Ministry

Welca held the end-of-year dinner at Mamma Mia Trattoria on Tuesday, May 16. We planned for the Penndel Community Day to be held on Saturday, June 3 and for a Father's Day brunch. We also had a delicious dinner and wonderful fellowship.

### Penndel Community Day Fundraiser – Saturday, June 3, 2023

In order to prepare for Community Day, Welca needs plenty of help.

- Help by donating any saleable, unwanted items for the flea market.
- On **Sunday, May 28 we need help** from the congregation to move flea market items from the upstairs to downstairs. We'll use the "bucket-brigade" system to get safely down the stairs. Please, if you are able, come out to help with this important job.
- We'll need help from **Tuesday, May 30** through Friday, June 2 in the parish hall to arrange the flea market tables
- We'll need help on **Saturday, June 3** early morning to carry flea market tables outside.
- Help by baking something for the bake sale.
- If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Rita Solt at 267-980-2971 or [rita.solt626@gmail.com](mailto:rita.solt626@gmail.com).
- Come out on Saturday, June 3 – Shop at our flea market! Have a burger lunch cooked by Redeemer men!!

Mark Your Calendar for Father's Day Brunch, Sunday, June 18, 2023 following the worship service.



## Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

### Book Club Corner



The current selection is *Plain Truth*, by Jodi Picoult.

The book club will meet on Sunday, June 25th, at 2pm in the Parish Hall

The book is available on Amazon and several used bookstore sites,  
and from the Bucks County library as an audio book, e-book, and print.

*All are welcome to participate.*

### Financial Ministry

We continue to collect tapes from Redner Supermarkets and Brown's Shop Rite Stories. We do receive a percentage of money from these tapes which goes to the Current Fund. Please try to keep them current. You can drop off your tapes Monday through Friday 12-1 or mail them to the church using the address of 239 Fairview Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047, or you can drop them in the basket in the narthex.

Thank you for your help.

Katherine Patelunas



## OTHER NEWS:

Our sister in Christ, Dolores Danielson, has shared God's love in so many ways over the course of her lifetime, and she has already touched so many of our own lives at Redeemer, but the President's Volunteer Service Award has finally caught up with her for her selfless work with the Delaware Valley Veterans Home in Philly. Congratulations Dolores!

Dolores tells me that she serves as a Deputy for the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of PA, and with the help of the Langhorne American Legion Auxiliary ladies, she has been able to accomplish so much to bring the veterans happiness and to let them know they are not forgotten. Dolores took on bringing together a volunteer team to provide organization and extensive support to the Alzheimer's unit, as well as putting together monthly birthday bags for the Veteran, organizing a monthly Bingo ice cream social, and providing other special treats along the way.

Dolores says she feels so blessed that she can serve those who have served. We thank God for Dolores and her love of serving in the Lord's name. Congratulations Dolores!





## OTHER NEWS:

Congratulations to Gail Blinstrub for receiving a “Partner in Practice” award from Capital Health during the annual Excellence in Nursing Practice Award ceremonies which is held during Nurse’s Week. This year, the ceremonies took place on May 11, celebrating their impact in our community, the mentorship they bring every day, the teamwork that drives their patient care, and their inspiring stories of excellence that go beyond the call of duty.



## 2023 Graduate News

### GEORGIA WOODFORD

Georgia will be graduating from Neshaminy High School and plans on attending Temple University in the fall.



# Sharing God's Bounty

## Summer Stewardship

***“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...” Hebrews 10:25***

The old song goes “Summer time and livin’ is easy.” Warm weather, vacations, no school, golf, tennis, fishing, hiking, swimming, relaxing, less hectic schedules ... all seem to define summer time.

Thankfully our Lord never takes a vacation from blessing us with his abundant love, gracious gifts, and providential care. The Psalmist writes about our Heavenly Father, *“He who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep. The Lord watches over you ... the Lord is your shade at your right hand.”* (Psalm 121:4-5). The Lord’s care is ongoing. God never tires of caring for us.

Summer presents God’s people with numerous opportunities to be good stewards of his manifold gifts. We care for the wonderful world God has given us when we are outdoors. We treasure the important relationships we enjoy as we spend time with loved ones. Also, we use wisely the material blessings he gives us.

There is great temptation during the summer months to neglect the most precious of all our Lord’s gifts, His holy Word and Sacraments offered in worship. As many other responsibilities are taken more lightly in the relaxed atmosphere of summer living, so, too, are we tempted to take lightly the spiritual aspect of our lives. Vacation plans and recreational activities often replace worship. And we diminish in the stewardship of our Christian faith by letting worldly things take precedence over God in our lives.

In response to our Lord for his grace and mercy, may we place him first in all our summer plans and activities, allowing adequate time for worship, Bible reading, meditation, and prayer. May we be good stewards of God’s rich blessings. May we all continue to support the mission and ministries of our church with our regular tithes and offerings given from thankful hearts, even when we are away from home.

*With his thumb, a hitch-hiker says: “You furnish the gas, car, repairs, upkeep, and insurance; and I’ll ride with you. But if you have an accident, I’ll sue you for damages!”*

*Sounds pretty one-sided, but one wonders how many hitch-hikers there are in churches and organizations. Many seem to say: “You go to the meetings, serve on boards and committees, and take care of the things that need doing and I’ll go along for the ride! If things don’t happen to suit my fancy I will complain, criticize, and probably get out and hitch-hike with another group.”*

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

### June Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Georgette Escardille  
Charles Jones  
Bill Vitale  
4<sup>th</sup> Alan Ryan  
6<sup>th</sup> James McMullen  
Edwina Seyferhelt  
Becca Roland  
8<sup>th</sup> Lissy Ditcher Tidwell  
Jessica Piel Hotalen  
10<sup>th</sup> Marcie McMullen  
2<sup>th</sup> James Reinas  
13<sup>th</sup> Nathan Hotalen  
18<sup>th</sup> Bill Anderson, Jr  
20<sup>th</sup> Abby Clark  
21<sup>st</sup> Meghan Schmidt  
Myles Mecutchen  
Richard Moulder  
26<sup>th</sup> Ciara Winter Mitchell  
28<sup>th</sup> Jennifer O'Connell  
Lauren Mariano  
30<sup>th</sup> Charles Jones

### June Wedding Anniversaries

6/10/95 Rick & Jennifer O'Connell  
6/25/12 James & Elizabeth Reinas  
6/29/19 Linda English Patton &  
Joe Patton

Did we miss your birthday  
or anniversary?  
Sometimes are records are  
incomplete. Please let us  
know so we can update our  
files.




## Kid's Page


?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?

A. soliloquy  
B. parable  
C. lecture  
D. riddle



Answer B (See Mark 4:33-34.)




# A powerful CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

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✎	S	P	W
👑	O	A	I
🌐	T	N	E



“But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the  
Holy \_\_\_\_\_ comes on you; and you  
will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem,  
and in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**ACTS 1:8, NIV**

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

### What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

### What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?