

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 119 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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Redeemer Herald Newsletter For November 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.***



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.

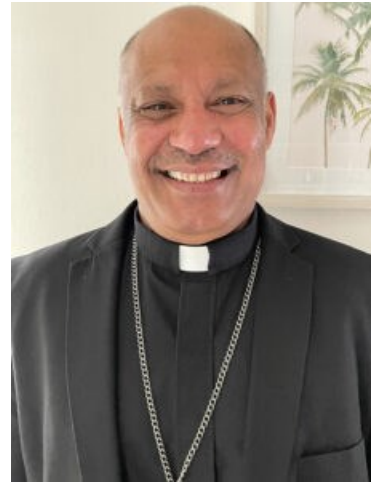


Pastor's Page

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

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do in our liturgy when we gather to worship?

According to Professor Craig L. Nesson, “everything we do at worship is directly related to forming us for a way of life as Christian people in the world. As we participate in liturgy, we not only are worshipping God but also engaging in rituals that immerse us in the person and way of Jesus Christ himself, who makes us members of the body of Christ and engraves upon us Christ’s very own character.”



As God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit is the Primary Actor when we gather for worship, Professor Nesson says, “Worship is less about what we are doing for God and far more about what God in Christ is seeking to do to us. As we immerse ourselves in each of the worship practices in the liturgy, we are formed distinctively for Christian life practices in the world.”

In the next several months, for my newsletter article, I will share Professor Nesson’s explanation of each element of the worship service, and how these worship practices are formation for life practices.

For this month, I will begin with the **Invocation** and **Confession** and **Forgiveness**.

Invocation:



“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The naming of the Trinity at the start of the liturgy reminds us that everything we do in the worship service involves the activity of this Triune God, who promises to be present among us, meet us, and transform us according

to the things we do at worship. Both the naming of the Holy Trinity and the practice of making the sign of the cross link us inextricably to our baptismal identity in Christ, the source of our Christian vocation for service to neighbors in our ministries in daily life.

Confession and Forgiveness:

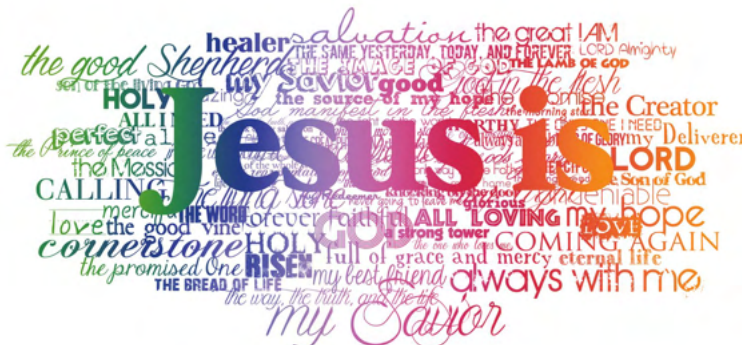


CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the month of December, we will be looking at the **Thanksgiving for Baptism** and the **Gathering song**.

Pastor Mukesh



Prayer Concerns

Members: Lois Hershberger; Winnie Ferguson; Patti Paul; 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; Dolores Danielson; David Short; Bob Winkler; Millie Murray

Relatives and Friends of our Members: George Rehm, Jim Mosman, Paula Sykes, Kim Conti, Raymond Short Jr., Terri Rehm, Al Degen, Cheri Shenefelt, Ann Marie Danieluk, Bill Castelberg Jr., Kat Daughter of Bill Bryan, Heather Ramola

Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military: Chad Durban; Joseph Piel; Kelly Cahill; Matthew Brandon Winter; Reid Furman; Julia Furman; Anne Furman; Matt Glaze; John Dichoso; Nicholas Ropars; Danny Parker; Billy Clark



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 12, 2023 please pray for:

Judy Lamb, JJ, Jackson and Vincent; Linda Lee; Lynn and Jane Leppo Andrew and Michael and families; Kristie Mabin; Janet Maher

On November 26, 2023 please pray for:

Lauren Mariano, Kayla Pugh and Kersten Pugh; The Martinsen Families- Darrel and Patricia, Haley, Kelsie and Asher; Erik and Danielle, Julie anna and Mason; Andy Jeffrey and Kendra Mason and Jessica Mason

Prayer List Guidelines

Please continue to pray for all those who are in need of healing. If you or a family member is hospitalized or is in need pastoral care, or if a death takes place in your family, please call Pastor Mukesh at 267-391-8514.

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES

After discussion, the Worship & Committee supports reinstituting the 4-week rule. When someone asks Jennifer to place a person on the list, she will inform them that name will remain for 4 weeks unless she hears differently from them.

1. We will list all members on the prayer list with no limits.
2. We will list Relatives and Friends of our Members for only 4 weeks.

You need to email the office or call the office to have them remain on longer, and you will have to call or email again in 4 weeks to have it extended again.

We list all Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military with no limits.

General Information

Check out our website at <http://redeemerlutheranpenndel.org/>

Follow us on Facebook at Redeemer Penndel.



Articles for this publication must reach Redeemer Lutheran office not later than the 3rd Monday of each month to insure their insertion in next month's issue.



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11/1</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Evangelism - Zoom</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11/2</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11/4</i>	<i>8:00 AM</i>	<i>WELCA Christmas Bazaar</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11/5</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship - All Saints</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11/6</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Social Ministry</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11/6</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11/7</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Shared Meal</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11/9</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11/12</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11/13</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11/13</i>	<i>8:00 PM</i>	<i>Grief/Bereavement Group</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11/14</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Council Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11/16</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11/19</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship - Thank Offering</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11/19</i>	<i>2:00 PM</i>	<i>Book Club</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11/20</i>		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11/20</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11/21</i>	<i>12:00 Noon</i>	<i>WELCA Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11/23</i>		<i>Thanksgiving</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>11/24</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>	<i>Fun Committee Event</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11/26</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11/27</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11/27</i>	<i>8:00 PM</i>	<i>Grief/Bereavement Group</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11/28</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11/30</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>

Check our website calendar and/or Facebook page for a current list of the events.

Please feel free to call or email the Church Office with any questions.

Council Highlights

October 2023

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON 10-10-23

WORSHIP TEAM – Bell Choir has restarted and holds practice Thursday evenings at 7 PM. Kim has reached out to her volunteers and nursery services had resumed in September. We have been experiencing some glitches with our Wi-Fi on Sunday mornings and we ask that folks be patient with us as we continue to investigate and try to find solutions.

FAITH FORMATION - There have not been any children in Sunday School at the present time. Bible Study meets on Monday evenings at 7 PM and we will be meeting either in the church or downstairs in the hall area, the old Council room.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM – Stewardship Team is working on a new Stewardship program. More information to follow.

SHARED MEAL MINISTRY – We had fewer guests this month, only 32 and also fewer volunteers, but we had plenty of great help! The meal was very good with an extra donation from Karen and ziti from our wonderful volunteers who cook and deliver and help make this all possible.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – We had the Mission Festival Auction and we had a poor turnout. However, we did raise \$446.00 to go to the Penndel Shelter. It was decided that we will go back to the Mission Festival Auction in August for next year.

EVANGELISM TEAM – The Pig Roast was on 10-14-23. Trunk or Treat is on 10-29-23. We have at least 10 participants at this time, but we are thinking that number will go up. Sandy is providing the Thrivent card for the candy to give out.

THRIVENT– You can be an associate member for \$19.95 a year as long as you are 16 or older and still qualify for a \$250.00 action card. Chris Ryan and Trish to give us more information on Thrivent. See Chris or Trish if you have any questions before they do a presentation.

Thank you to our church secretary Jennifer !!!!!



Redeemer Lutheran Church Ministries

Parish Register News and Notes!

Reformation Sunday



MEMORIAL DONATIONS – OCTOBER 2023

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

Ruth Schwartz

A Memorial was presented by:

Ruth Ann Morgan

Blessing of the Animals October 7th



All God's
Creatures



Pastor Appreciation Youth Sunday October 8th



WELCA NEWS

October Regular Meeting

Welca met on Tuesday, October 17 at noon in the parish hall. We welcomed Mary Lou Robinson with her first time to present devotions. Thank you, Mary Lou.

Our program was from the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging Project MEDS, Medication Education Designed for Seniors. This was a very fun, educational program and we got gifts.

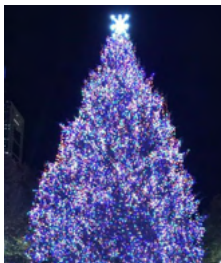


Upcoming Events



We discussed upcoming events. The **Welca Christmas bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 4. As a new addition to the bazaar, Faith Formation will offer a table of their crafts.

Sunday, November 19 is the **Welca Thank Offering**. All servers for that Sunday's service will be women. Welca offering envelopes from synod will be handed out to the congregation that morning.



Our **Christmas Outing** will be on Sunday, December 10, 3:30 pm at Bucks County Community College auditorium. We will see the Christmas Program of the Pennsylvania School for the Performing Arts. Cost is \$27.00. If you would like to go, please contact Rita Solt.

The next regular Welca meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 21** at noon in the parish hall.

WELCA NEWS

Garden Club

The Garden Club and the Property Committee are planning to hold fall clean-up of the lawn and flower beds on Saturday, **November 18th** beginning around 8:30 am.

Please come out to help. It's more fun with more people.



Financial Ministry



We continue to collect tapes from Redner Supermarkets and Brown's Shop Rite Stores. 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

Book Club

The current selection is *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley.

The book club will meet Sunday, November 19th, at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

The book is available on Amazon and several used bookstore sites, and from the Bucks County library.

All are welcome to participate.



Information Coordinator

OA will continue to meet in the church hall on Monday 7:30 pm and Friday 8:00 pm, except for the last Friday when the Fun Committee is there. Girl Scouts will meet on Mondays at 5:00 pm and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Thursday evenings are still open for an outside group. Bible study meets Mondays at 7:00 pm. Bereavement/grief support group will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings at 8:00 pm.

Jeannie Vitale, Chair



SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Social Ministry will be meeting on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm prior to Bible Study.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Grief Share

The grief support group will go back to meeting on the second and fourth Monday at 8:00 pm following Bible Study.

Anyone who feels the need to share their grief, no matter how long or short it's been, is lovingly welcome.



Bible Study

Bible Study meets every week on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the church building.

Come and join us for insightful and spirited conversation, and maybe you will discover something new!

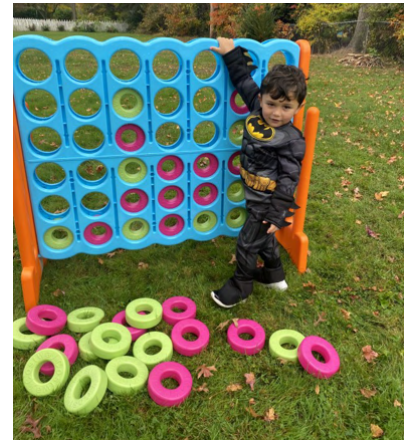
Community Pig Roast



We held our second pig roast as a community outreach on October 14th. Ron D Acoustics was our entertainment for the night. It was pretty well attended despite the rain. The pig was from Billy D's BBQ and was delicious as were all of the sides and desserts. A big thank you to the Evangelism team and everyone else who came out to help us set up, serve and clean up. We could not have done it without everyone's help. It was a big undertaking but if we all pitch in and help, it makes it so much easier.



Trunk or Treat



Sunday, October 29th was a great day at Redeemer! following our beautiful Reformation Service, we celebrated Halloween with the families of Penndel by hosting our 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat. In between a few rain drops, our block came alive with decorated vehicles and Halloween costumes.



We handed out candy and Halloween trinkets thanks to a Thrivent gift card, talked to the families and handed out Redeemer's Tri-fold brochure listing our upcoming activities.



Food Pantry

Food Pantry



October was a great month for the food pantry! Pastor and I were invited to the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club's breakfast meeting on October 17th under the pretense that they were inviting organizations who received money from them this past year. They had given us \$2,000.00 this past spring. When they began their meeting, they surprised us with another \$2,000.00 which was totally

unexpected! We really appreciate them putting in for another grant for \$1,000.00 from the Rotary's Gundaker Foundation and then matching that amount from their Rotary!

We also received a check from the Bucks County Community Foundation for \$1,500.00. They have been giving us \$1,000.00 every year. This year I was told to write to them and ask for \$1,500.00 instead. Ask and you shall receive! We really appreciate that they continue to help our pantry as well!



Fritz's Bakery has been added to what we receive at the pantry. Our good friend MaryEllen Delano was in the bakery one day and asked if they donate their leftovers. They said yes and she goes every Wednesday to pick up all of those delicious buns and Danish. It is a welcome addition to our pantry, and we are happy that they have decided to donate to us once a week!

Once again, thank you to Lew Oser, Cindy Short, Chris Ryan, Amy Hansen, Linda Winter, Deb Farnham, Mike Burlingame & Carol Chatelain for manning the pantry. We couldn't do it without you! And thank you to those who continue to donate food or money to us to keep us going! We really appreciate you all and our friends who come to the pantry do as well!

Shared Meal Ministry



For October's shared meal, thanks to Karen, we received a donation of spaghetti and meat balls which was served along-side our ziti. The meal was very well received by everyone. There were approximately thirty-seven (37) guests and twelve (12) volunteers present.

Thank You to all volunteers and everyone who made ziti!!!

Fellowship

We hope you are continuing to enjoy fellowship time after church. It is great to see so many of you coming down and staying awhile to enjoy each other's company.

While some of the items we get are donated, not everything is. We would really appreciate it if you would consider throwing a dollar or two into our donation jar once a week if you can. It will help us to continue providing you with a delicious fellowship time after the service. We know times have changed and not everyone carries cash on them, but we would really appreciate it if you could on a Sunday morning just to throw in our jar!

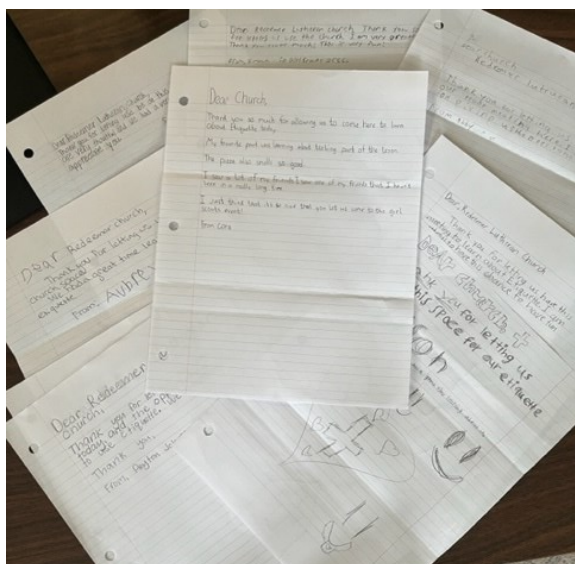
Karen Kondrk



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Thank you to everyone who supported Redeemer by participating in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Event.

Through your participation, we were able to raise \$80 for our current fund.



Girl Scouts say Thank You

Learning good manners can be fun! Girl Scouts held an etiquette workshop as an introduction to the concept of etiquette and good manners. This session was a lesson in writing and addressing thank you notes.

Here are just a few of the ones they wrote to Redeemer Lutheran thanking us for letting them use our hall for their meetings.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR


COME ENJOY BREAKFAST & LUNCH
SAT. NOVEMBER 4TH
8 AM TO 2 PM

CHRISTMAS
CRAFTS

BAKE SALE
SOFT
PRETZELS

CHRISTMAS
"TREASURES"

RAFFLES
AND MONEY
TREE



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Events Happening



All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 5th
9:20 am

All Saints' Day recognizes those known to God as saints—not only those canonized by the church. Therefore, All Saints' Day celebrates all faithful followers of Jesus throughout church history.

It's a day remembering those who have gone before us, honoring their lives and faithfulness.

WELCA
Thank Offering Service
Sunday, November 17, 2023



As we make our Thank Offerings, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. On occasion, the women would join their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thank Offerings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us give our Thank Offering using the envelopes provided by WELCA on Sunday, November 17.

Evangelism News



Evangelism Newsletter

October 14th Pig Roast

The Pig Roast was a success! Thank you to everyone who made that happen especially John and Karren. Due to the rain, it was held indoors, but there was still plenty of food, live music, decorations and crafts for the kids. It was a great event and we saw some new faces.

October 29th Trunk or Treat

After service decorate your car a little and give candy to the neighborhood. You don't have to be signed up drive ups welcome!

The Fun Friday Cabaret is being postponed until the spring

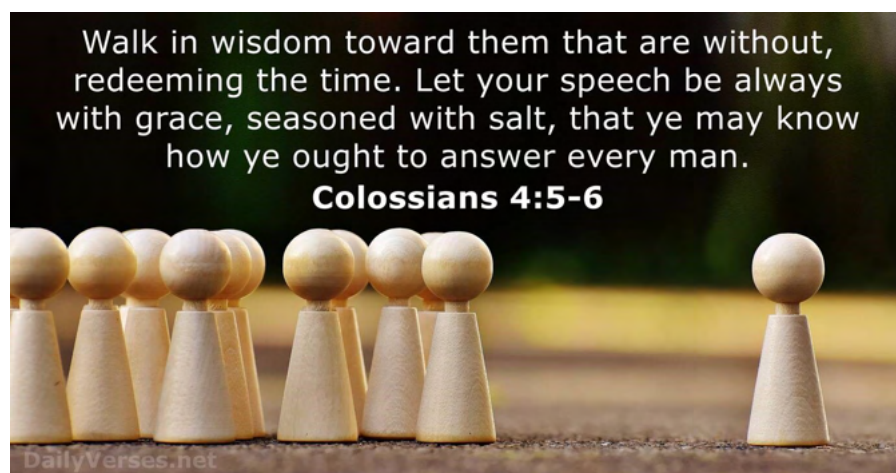
We are still trying to update the Thrivent member list so we know who has available cards for events. If you are a current Thrivent member or are interested in becoming one please see Chris Ryan. Thank you!

Evangelism meets via zoom at 6pm on the first Wednesday of the month if you are interested in joining please see Chris Ryan, Patti Finn, or just call or email the church so Jenn can send you the link.

Evangelism Quote of the month

Colossians 5-6

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.



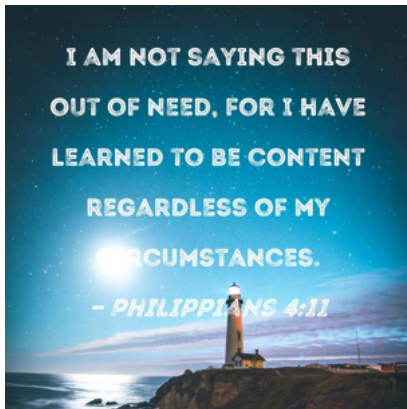
Walk in wisdom toward them that are without,
redeeming the time. Let your speech be always
with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know
how ye ought to answer every man.

Colossians 4:5-6

Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship News

by Denise Robinson



“I have learned in whatever state I am to be content.... And God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:11-19

I recently read an article in the WELCA magazine that talked about being content. We can learn to live in contentment. We can share in abundance. God has promised to provide for our every need. God’s grace is sufficient, more than enough, abundant.

You all have heard the saying how do you see the glass-half empty or half full- the author learned to see the glass of her life not half full or half empty, but rather full to the brim and overflowing. She learned about God’s abundance.

So, when we share our gifts, when we give our offerings, we can do so with a sense of abundance, God’s abundance. We need not fear if there will be enough. In God’s goodness there is always enough.

There is always enough – for our lives, and for our gifts and offerings. Enough for our financial gifts for the ongoing work of the church, for the support for the leadership of the church, in support of various ministries, programs, resources, outreach. We can trust that God will always provide. God is generous in giving, and we can be too.

The glass is full to the brim and overflowing with God’s abundant love. As it’s written in 1 Peter 4:10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship News (cont'd)

The teaching of Stewardship by the ELCA says “as persons of faith, we are called to grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. As we are baptized, we take on new life in Christ and are given 5 gifts of discipleship; 5 ways to practice our faith that guides us on our life-long faith journey. These are known as the “Faith Practices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.”

To live among God’s faithful people
To hear the word of God and share in 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
To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Beginning Sunday, November 12th up to Redeemers congregation meeting on January 28th, you will hear moments of inspiration by members of our church family that see their glass full to the brim and overflowing. These are ways fellow members use the 5 gifts of discipleship to practice their faith. May their stories resonate with you to help you in your upcoming “Called to Love and Serve” commitment to Redeemer. We all have gifts and resources God has blessed us with, use them in abundance.

Redeemer’s Mission Statement – 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.

Generous God, open our hearts to receive your abundance. Open our lives to share it. For Jesus’ sake. Amen



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

Matthew 14:13a, 14-21 - Now when Jesus ... went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves."



But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing.

The Number Of Those
Who Ate Was About Five
Thousand Men, Besides
Women And Children.

Matthew 14-21

BibleWordings.com

Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children

I wonder what the disciples' faces looked like when Jesus said that to them—"You give them something to eat." They knew they didn't have what it took to do the job. Why was Jesus asking, then? And yet, God does the same thing today, doesn't He? One phone call or letter, and your life is changed forever. "You want *me* to raise that child, Lord? I haven't got the first idea what to do." "You're going to dump *that* project in my lap, God? You know I don't have those skills." Or my own favorite from young adulthood: "You're calling me to be a *what*?"

Discipleship through Dialogue continued

Jesus has a habit of calling the unqualified to do the impossible. (I've always suspected it has something to do with His sense of humor.) And it makes for some terrifying moments. But in the end, it comes out all right—for the disciples and for us. Because Jesus supplies what we lack—whether it's wisdom, money, courage, or miracle-working power.

The disciples told Him honestly what they had, and Jesus worked with that. His instructions were plain and simple, and in the end, everyone was fed. When God faces us with the impossible, we can do what the disciples did—tell Him honestly, "This is all I can bring to the situation," and then wait. Because in the end, it isn't us in charge. It's Jesus.

This is the God who planned to save the entire world, including us, from the power of sin, death, and the devil—and *how*? Using only a single human life—His own. He lay down that life for all of us on a cross outside Jerusalem, paying the price for all our evil. And three days later, He rose from the dead, breaking the power of death not just for Himself but for all of us who trust in Him. That's a lot to do with so little!

And He can do extraordinary things with us limited people as well, if we will trust Him.

WE PRAY: Dear Lord, help me to trust You when You call on me to do something for You. Amen.

Reflection Questions:

1. When has God asked you to do something that feels impossible?
2. What happened?
3. What did this experience do for your attitude toward Him?

(Taken from lhm.org. Dr. Karl Vo, August 3, 2023)



Sharing God's Bounty

November

Part of God's Plan

"In those days . . ." So begins a well-known passage of Scripture. Do you know what comes next? *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree . . ."* (Luke 2:1). Some of us can quote the whole story by heart. Even though we've heard it year after year, some of us for many years, the story is still precious to hear, still warms our souls, still excites our minds, still calms our fears.

Two seemingly inconsequential people of little means obeyed that decree and traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census. The woman, Mary, was about to have a child. She knew that her child was the Son of God, a child to be named Jesus. Joseph, her husband, knew he was not the father of the child, although that was how the world saw him. These were two of God's faithful. They knew the prophecies regarding the Messiah. They had been visited by the angel and learned that they were to be part of the fulfillment of those prophecies. They didn't know how things would turn out. They didn't know all that God had in store for them. They just *"obey[ed their] rulers and submitted to their authority"* (Hebrews 13:17) as they trusted God to guide and protect them and his Son each step they took on his path.

Of course, God did just that. God provided a place for the Child to be born (Luke 2:7). God sent angels to announce the birth of the King and moved the shepherds to respond to the joyful news and go to worship the new Baby (Luke 2:8-20). He sent *"Magi from the East"* who brought *"gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh"* and then believed the warning God gave them in a dream and avoided the evil King Herod on their return trip (Matthew 2:1-12).

How many of these people involved in this most wondrous story realized the important and memorable parts they played? We cannot say for sure but surmise none could really comprehend the eternal significance of the events as they unfolded.

We, too, are involved in God's plans. Certainly none can equal in importance the birth of Christ, but nothing God does is without purpose. Are we listening for the voice of the Spirit as God speaks to us through God's Word? Are we, as we go about our daily routines, obeying our rulers, cognizant of being God's feet and hands and voice to carry out his plan? Do we bring our gifts, aware that God may use them according to a purpose we can't even imagine? How exciting it is to think and know that we are God's instruments! What a loss of blessing to us if we refuse to let God use us and another gets the opportunity instead (Esther 4:14)!

As we live out our daily lives as stewards, *"let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . . so that we will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:2-3), but instead look forward with eagerness and anticipation toward the unfolding of God's plan in our lives.

October Birthdays

11/7	Marianne White	11/23	Jordan Ditcher
11/10	Brian O'Connell	11/23	Haley Martin
11/10	Robert Rockenbach	11/24	Michael Hemphill
11/11	Jolene Cochran	11/28	Mike Burlingame
11/11	Victoria Mihalek	11/28	Liam Nicholas Rodriguez
11/11	Thelma Thorsen	11/29	Alex Northrup
11/14	Ciera Hope Cooke	11/29	Andrew Northrup
11/18	George Rehm	11/30	Hailey Schmidt
11/22	Kim Overbagh	11/30	Rande Funkhauser
11/22	Rev. Esther Rajashekar		



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November Anniversaries

11/1/2019	Lissy and Joshua Tidwell
11/6/2004	Gail and Bob Blinstrub, Jr.
11/8/1991	Laura & Paul Ottinger
11/11/2017	Carol and Rande Funkhauser
11/12/1995	Cathy and Alan Dashoff
11/18/1989	Lydia and Joseph Cochran
11/22/2013	Cynthia and Lew Oser
11/23/1974	Denise and Paul Robinson
11/25/2000	Patricia and Christopher Ryan
11/28/1987	Linda and Bryan Bartleson



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Sunday @ 9:20 AM

All ages welcome to join us!

Any questions?

Reach out to Miss Jess

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UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

- SAT. NOVEMBER 4TH
 - HOLIDAY BAZAAR
- SUN. NOVEMBER 5TH
 - SCS
- SUN. NOVEMBER 12TH
 - YOUTH SUNDAY – SCS
- SUN. NOVEMBER 19TH
 - SCS
 - WELCA Thankoffering Service
- SUN. NOVEMBER 26TH
 - SCS



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS & HELPERS

Our KidMin Program needs some extra help with Sunday Morning Sunday School Classes!

Reach out to Jess if your interested or have any questions

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Kid's Pages November

Bible Quiz

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" — but probably could be?

- A. love
B. faithfulness
C. self-control
D. gratitude
E. gentleness



Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

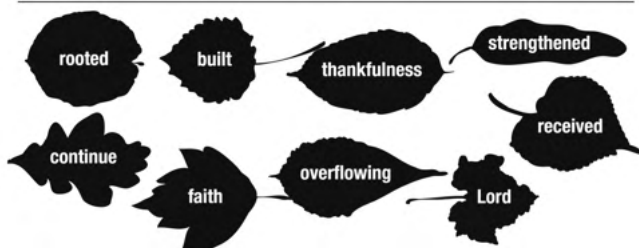
PUZZLE



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____ ,
 _____ to live your lives in him, _____ and
 _____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you
 were taught, and _____ with _____ .

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness

Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.