

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 119 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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## Redeemer Herald Newsletter For January 2024



**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.***



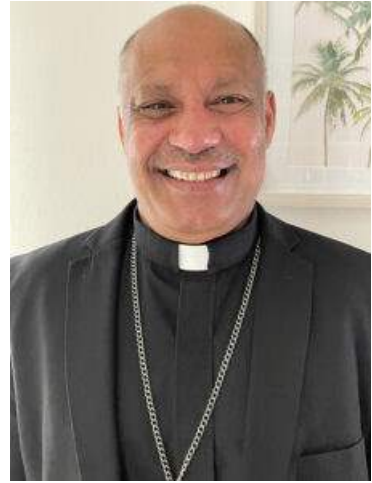
### **Our Mission:**

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

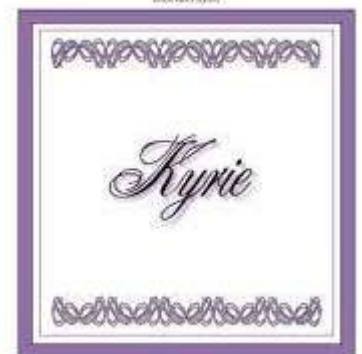
<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil. [\(1Thess. 5:16-22\).](#)



*As we enter this New Year, we will continue with Professor Nissan's explanation of each element of the worship service, and how these worship practices are formation for life practices.*

*For this month, we look at the **Kyrie** and **Song of Praise**.*

**Kyrie:** "In peace let us pray...Lord, have mercy." This ancient prayer sung at worship teaches us that we worship a God of peace and mercy. We pray peace for the world, for the church, and for the unity of all. As together we sing this song of peace, asking for God's mercy, and as we repeat these petitions week after week, God is forming us into a people of peace and mercy, who are becoming the very peace and mercy of God for which we pray in relation to other people every day of our lives.



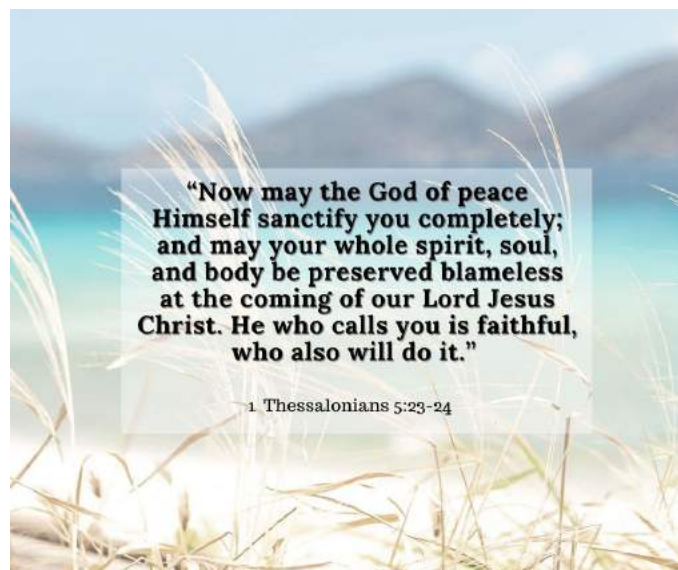
## Pastor's Page continued

**Song of Praise:** We sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth" and "This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia."

Where do we discover courage and hope for the living of our lives, especially in a world filled with struggle and death? These particular songs of praise draw us into communion with Jesus Christ, the Incarnate, Crucified, and Risen Son of God, whose victory over the principalities and powers means God's life finally prevails over all the forces of suffering and death. We are formed through these hymns to be people of peace, courage, mercy, and hope for facing all the struggles and losses we experience in the course of our lives. These songs of praise instruct us that the way of Christ is the way of the cross and resurrection, not only at worship but for living our lives day by day in a world of suffering and distress. We are called by the Incarnate, Crucified, and Risen Christ to take up our cross and follow him into the places of suffering in our local community and world.

**<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound<sup>24</sup> and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. (1Thess. 5:23-24)**

Blessings for a Happy and Healthy and Peaceful New Year!  
Pastor Mukesh.



## Prayer Concerns

**Members:** Lois Hershberger; Winnie Ferguson; Patti Paul; Lynn Leppo; Marty Danielson; David Erdman; Elizabeth Reinas; Don Farnham; Jim Reinas; Judy Lamb; Dee Grover; Rich Moulder; Mike Dunn; Katherine Patelunas; Heather Palladino; Ilene Kersten; Stephanie Rager; Michelle Morris; Jane Leppo; Edith Williams; Dolores Danielson; David Short; Bob Winkler; Millie Murray; Denise Goccia; Denise Robinson

**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., Heather Ramola, Jeannine Lipez, Marie Armitage, Rose Marie Erdman, Matthew Winter, Crystal Bell, Pam Pillsbury

**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 January

**On January 14, 2024 please pray for:**

Cindy O'Connell, Billy and Abby; Daniel O'Connell and Family; Jenn and Rich O'Connell, Kyra and Patrick; Lew and Cindy Oser; Laura Ottinger

**On January 28, 2024 please pray for:**

Gary and Kim Overbagh; Chris and Heather Paladino, Isabella and Nicholas; Anne Marie Parfitt- Clee; Will Parfitt; Donna Parfitt-Herbert



## 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.

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

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

# Sponsorships

## 2024 Weekly Worship Sponsorship

Below is a list of items we generally sponsor and the names and telephone numbers of the person to call. If you are paying by check for the items you are sponsoring, please make the check payable to Redeemer and either place it in the plate during offering or put it in the mail box of those whose names are indicated below. Be sure to indicate the amount, your name and the date of the sponsorship as well as the type of sponsorship.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** \$30 per Sunday  
**ORGAN FLOWERS** \$10 per Sunday  
Deb Farnham 215-752-1708 or dgfteach@yahoo.com



**ALTAR CANDLES:** \$5.00 per Sunday  
**COMMUNION HOSTS:** \$5.00 per Sunday  
Kim Overbagh 215-499-7556 or IronsidesGirl@yahoo.com

**SANCTUARY LAMP** \$6.00 per Sunday (NOTE: price increase for 2024)  
**ROOF FUND** A contribution amount of your choosing  
**TECHNOLOGY FUND** A contribution amount of your choosing  
Gail Blinstrub at 215-891-1388 or gailaa@verizon.net





<a href="#"><u>Monday</u></a>	1/1	6:00 PM	<i>Social Ministry</i>
Monday	1/1	7:00 PM	<i>Bible Study</i>
Tuesday	1/2	6:00 PM	<i>Shared Meal</i>
Wednesday	1/3	6:00 PM	<i>Evangelism - Zoom</i>
Thursday	1/4	6:45 PM	<i>Bell Practice</i>
Saturday	1/6	8:30 AM	<i>Un-Decorate the Church</i>
Sunday	1/7	9:20 AM	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
Monday	1/8	7:00 PM	<i>Bible Study</i>
Monday	1/8	8:00 PM	<i>Grief/Bereavement Group</i>
Tuesday	1/9	7:00 PM	<i>Council Meeting</i>
Thursday	1/11	6:45 PM	<i>Bell Practice</i>
Sunday	1/14	9:20 AM	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
Monday	1/15		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Monday	1/15	7:00 PM	<i>Bible Study</i>
Tuesday	1/16	12:00 Noon	<i>WELCA Meeting</i>
Thursday	1/18	6:45 PM	<i>Bell Practice</i>
Sunday	1/21	9:20 AM	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
Sunday	1/21	2:00 PM	<i>Book Club</i>
Monday	1/22	7:00 PM	<i>Bible Study</i>
Monday	1/22	8:00 PM	<i>Grief/Bereavement Group</i>
Tuesday	1/23	6:00 PM	<i>Stewardship</i>
Thursday	1/25	6:45 PM	<i>Bell Practice</i>
Friday	1/26	6:00 PM	<i>Trivia Night Fun Committee</i>
Sunday	1/28	9:20 AM	<i>Worship</i>
Sunday	1/28		<i>Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship Service</i>
Monday	1/29	7:00 PM	<i>Bible Study</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

## December 2023

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON 12-12-23

**WORSHIP TEAM** – The Worship Team and members of Redeemer's Choir got together and taped a Thanksgiving worship service for the congregation which was posted on our website on Wednesday evening before the holiday, allowing folks to view it when it was convenient for them. The Worship Team believes that this is enjoyed by many members of the congregation. The church was decorated on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorships are available for the Christmas services. These include torch candles, stanchion and congregational candles and communion hosts. For pricing, please see the information in the bulletin or newsletter. Let Jennifer know if you are interested in sponsoring any items.

**FAITH FORMATION** – There are a few boys coming now and there is a wide range of ages. Jess is planning the activities appropriate for their age. Jess is doing a wonderful job!

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM** – The Stewardship Appeal – Called to Love and Serve – is underway. Letters were distributed and they can be placed in the box in the back of the church when returned by the congregation. We will let everyone know again where the box has been placed.

**SHARED MEAL MINISTRY** – There were 40 people at the meal and 15 volunteers. The people who attended said that they were in need of socks.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY** – The Giving Tree gifts will be picked up by a representative from the Bucks County Housing Group on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We ask that the gifts that were purchased be returned to church by December 17<sup>th</sup>. As usual, Redeemer's members have come through and provided gifts for these less fortunate children. A gift card will also be provided to the mothers at the PennDel Shelter in the amount of \$50.00.

**EVANGELISM TEAM** – The next Evangelism meeting will be on January 3, 2024 at 6 PM and will be in person.

**THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH SECRETARY, JENNIFER!!**



# Redeemer Lutheran Church Ministries

## Parish Register News and Notes!



### Bells were ringing!

The first Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023, brought the sounds of joyous music as the Bell, Childrens and Vocal choirs serenaded during the Worship service.







Redeemer was busy with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship services. It was a time to come together with friends and family to celebrate and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

For Unto You  
is born this day,  
in the city of David  
a SAVIOR  
which is  
CHRIST the LORD  
LUKE 2:11





## New Members

It is our greatest blessing to announce that the Redeemer Lutheran Penndel community has once again grown! May we welcome our newest members — Nicole McHugh, Louis & Jane Affannato, and Jack & Alice Adams — with open arms and love.

As a caring congregation, we look forward to sharing God's love and blessings with you in the years to come. May your love and faith increase during your time with us.



### MEMORIAL DONATIONS – DECEMBER 2023

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

*Paul Robinson*

*John Schwenk*

*A Memorial was presented by:*

*Katherine Patelunas*

*Don & Rita Solt*

*Marilyn Hrywnak*

*Edna Schwenk & Family  
(Karen, John, Ken, Janet  
Kaylee & Jenna)*



My Dear Church Family,

Thank you to you all for your love and support as I and my family continue to process the death of Paul. Whether you sent a card, a hug or attended the viewing, we are blessed to have you in our lives. Paul will be forever missed, and we are grateful he was a small part of your lives attending various events at Redeemer. You all made him feel very welcome and that meant the world to him.



Thank you from the bottom of my heart,  
Denise Robinson



Thank  
You  
For Your  
Kindness

How do I ever thank all my family and friends who were part of my journey in getting a hip replacement that started in March...If it were not for everyone continuously encouraging me thru this journey, I could not have done it. There was so much support...As I look back at this journey, I feel very "special" with all the attention I received. What comes to mind is the saying "They know we are Christians by our Love". All your actions proved that.

Sincerely  
Marty & Dolores Danielson



# WELCA Ministry



## Cookie Walk

The annual Welca Cookie Walk was held on Sunday, December 17 following service. The wonderful bakers of the congregation donated a beautiful assortment of cookies. There were also several Christmas tins donated for packaging cookies.

We so appreciate all the work by the bakers who donated cookies and all the many members who purchased cookies for their families and friends. It was such a nice event, fun event which raised \$368.50 in funds.







Sunday December 17th



Several members of Redeemer gathered to sing Christmas carols for some of our homebound members at Juniper Village and Oxford Crossing Retirement Communities. It was just an amazing experience. Lovely. I wish you could have been there to hear the residents sing with us. There is something about singing while someone is singing to you at the same time. We were singing to them, and, as they joined in with us, they were singing to us. Combine that with the fact that they were songs about the birth of Jesus, which are songs that are special to our friends and family. What a marvelous feeling! What commitment to being an active part of a service experience!



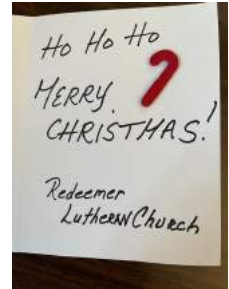
## WELCA Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party



Our Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 19 was a lovely afternoon. Katherine and Elaine gave a wonderful party with a Christmas devotion. We had a game of matching the two halves of Christmas cards, and a game of passing the gift. Edna won.

We made Christmas cards to be given out at the food pantry. Elaine brought her keyboard and played for us to sing Christmas carols.

For our refreshments, we had Christmas cookies. Dolores gifted everyone with a prayer booklet and a 2024 date book. We had a visit from the Pastor and our new secretary, Jennifer. Thank You to Elaine and Katherine and everyone!



## Garden Club



Garden club will be on hiatus until the Spring Clean Up! We will provide more information closer to the date.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

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## Shared Meal



There were 40 people at the meal and 15 volunteers. The people who attended said that they were in need of socks. Thank You to everyone who participated!!!

Our next shared meal will be  
Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

2023 was a fantastic year for the food pantry! The last two weeks of December we received another \$935.00 along with some food donations.



We have been very fortunate to have received a little over \$10,000.00 in 2023! Groceries are getting more expensive to buy so we are happy to receive any money that we get to help us with keeping our shelves and freezers stocked! Thank you to all who have helped us along the way! We hope it continues in 2024!

## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at Redeemer Lutheran serves between 40-60 families per week. No matter what time of year it is, it's always a good time to donate to your local food bank. Whether it is through food donations, personal care and household items, your time, or your money, there are many ways to get involved and make a difference.

Now all that's left to do is shop, donate and feel good knowing you've helped stock a home with nutritious and filling groceries. Thumbs way up!

PS Paper bags are always needed and welcome!



We currently have a variety of items but could use your help with stocking the following:

**Canned Meats – Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, SPAM, Ham**—It's shelf-stable, doesn't require much prep or equipment to eat, and delivers a quick hit of protein to keep individuals feeling full for longer.



**Applesauce and Fruit**—Plastic jars of unsweetened applesauce provide a quick snack, fiber and vitamin C. Fruit, whether dried, canned or in plastic cups, makes excellent snacks for kids and adults and provide some nutrition and fiber. Choose those that are packed in water or fruit juice rather than sugary syrups.

**Cooking Oils and Spices**—Canola and olive oils are the best choices because of their monounsaturated fats and mild flavor. It's hard to cook a tasty meal without herbs and spices, so drop some in your cart to donate. Stick to the basics, like oregano, basil, cumin, pepper, rosemary, thyme and cinnamon.

**Easy Snacks – Crackers, Granola Bars, Nuts**—Crackers are perfect as a snack or as a base for canned meats, crackers are shelf-stable and portable. Food banks are always in need of quick and easy items that families can toss into lunches or eat on the go, and granola bars are just the thing. A handful of nuts provides protein and nutrients in a hurry and is perfect for snacks and lunches.

**Meals in a Box**—An entire meal that's shelf-stable and in one package—dinner doesn't get easier than that, which is plus for those without stocked kitchens. Look for pasta, rice and soup kits, especially those that are lower in sodium and higher in fiber and protein.

**Shelf-stable and Powdered Milk**—Because no fridge is required to keep this milk fresh, it's accessible for everyone. Plus, it provides much-needed calcium and protein.

**Beverages** – Clean, drinking water is a luxury that is not readily available to everyone. Juice and coffee may be everyday items for you but are some of the first items to be cut out of a budget. Flavor enhancers or drink mixes are also very popular and portable.



## Events Happening

**Un-Decorate the  
Church for Christmas  
Saturday, January 6th  
8:30 am**



We would appreciate your help taking down, packing up and storing our beautiful Christmas decorations. If you can lend a hand, we will be undecorating the church on Sat. Jan. 6 starting at 8:30 am.



**Redeemer's Annual Cook-off  
February 10, 2024  
5:00 pm**

Please join us Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm in our Fellowship Hall for our Annual Cook-off.

We will be awarding 1<sup>st</sup> place prizes for the best:

Appetizer  
Entrée  
Vegan

Side Items  
Dessert  
Kids creation

Please save the date and invite your friends & family.  
All are welcome with or without participating in the contest.

## Upcoming Events

Redeemer Lutheran  
Fun Committee presents

# TRIVIA Night



Friday January 26, 2024

Doors Open 6pm

Game Starts 6:30pm

**Bring a Team (max 6 people)**  
or join one on arrival that night.

Prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team

### General Trivia

Guess the night away for FUN!

Bring Food  
Bring your friends!  
Have a Great Time!

No Alcohol permitted

**Tickets \$5 each**

Includes game, snacks & drinks.

Extra door prize raffle ticket  
for advanced ticket purchase

Take a Chance!  
Door Prize & Raffles



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## Fun Committee wants your Baskets!

Don't throw away those empty baskets! One thing we know is many of you look forward to is our basket raffles. 2023 Christmas Bingo was a huge success especially due to the raffle baskets. We will use the baskets for our Bingo raffles. Also if you happen to see any deeply discounted Christmas items while you are out and about, please consider picking up a few items to donate so we can jump start 2024 raffles!



## 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.

## 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!



## Social Ministry

Social Ministry in Action at Redeemer is committed to fulfilling God's command to "...Love Your Neighbors as Your Selves...there is no commandment greater" (Mark 12:31 NIV), and "...Whatever you did not do for the least of these, you did not do it for me" (Matthew 25:45 NIV).



Social Ministry holds their meetings on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm prior to Bible Study. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

## 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.

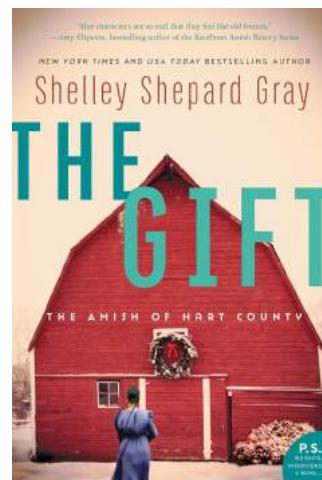
## Book Club

The current selection is *The Gift* by Shelley Shepard Gray.

The book club will meet Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.



# Evangelism News



## Evangelism Quote of the month

*"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world-and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible." ~ Charles Colson*

## 12/2 Penndel Tree lighting

Thank you to everyone who sang carols and represented Redeemer at the Penndel Tree Lighting. It was a success.

## 12/17 Christmas caroling after church

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Christmas Caroling after service. I think the people that we sang to really appreciated it.

## 1/26 Trivia Night

Jasmyn and The fun Committee will be hosting trivia So put your thinking caps on and come out and join us, but you don't have to know everything. There will be raffles and door prizes too.

## Thrivent cards

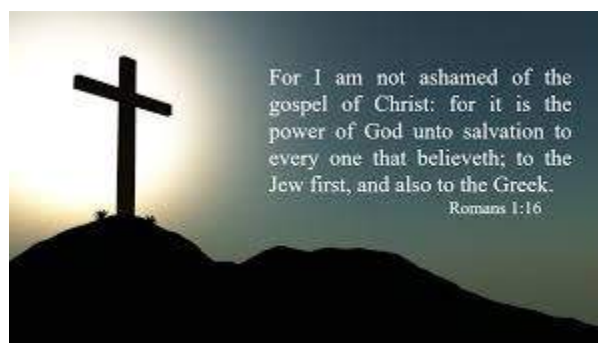
We need to be more active in recruiting new members everything we do should be using them. You can be an associate member for 19.95 per year as long as you are 16 or older and still qualify for a 250.00 action card. This is renewable, I checked.

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.

**Our January Meeting will be on  
Wednesday January 3, 2024 at 6pm via  
zoom.**

**Our February Meeting will be on  
Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 6pm  
via zoom.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Chris Ryan 1/2/2024





# Stewardship Ministry

## A word on Christian Stewardship

by Denise Robinson

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) believes that its members are freed in Christ to serve and love their neighbors. Stewardship is a way of responding to God's call to serve and love our neighbors by faithfully stewarding the gifts God has given

us. Although some think of stewardship as only a financial response to God's love, stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents, and our treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes. Redeemer Lutheran Church has been sharing our time, talents, and treasures in extraordinary ways. Helping others is what we do. Our mission statement that we profess every Sunday is **"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."**



Sundays, beginning on Reformation and continuing through the end of January we are hearing stewardship stories from members of Redeemer who are sharing their Moment of Inspiration. The stories of their passion for stewardship is a testament to God's work happening at Redeemer.

Awesome Words of Inspiration? Absolutely! Have the moments inspired you to think about your own stewardship journey? That's the goal of sharing these narratives. Stewardship is being disciples who are "Called to Love and Serve" by using the gifts God has blessed us with to fulfill God's mission through stewardship.

Stewardship by definition is a person who manages. So what does a disciple through stewardship mean? Discipleship through stewardship is how one uses the gifts and resources God has blessed us with to fulfill God's mission through stewardship. Simply translated, everyone has special gifts, use them to the best of your ability to do the work of the Lord. In 1 Peter 4:10 "God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully."

As we enter this new year, may we all continue to be inspired by the awesome ministries at Redeemer and use your gifts of time, talent, and financial resources to support Redeemer Lutheran Church.

*"Our time, talents and treasure are on loan to us from God. Give them away with unlimited generosity."*

# Sharing God's Bounty

## January

### Forgetting What Is Behind

"Forget about it." It's a phrase we may say to ourselves when we don't want to face up to something. Perhaps we give it in the form of advice to someone who's complaining about an offense he's received. According to Paul, it's a good thing to do. It's counsel he followed himself: *"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13b-14).

Paul had a past anyone would want to forget. In his Pharisaical zeal, he had caused the imprisonment, persecution, and even death of many who were followers of the Way. All that changed, we know, when he himself faced Jesus on the road to Damascus.

Yet, from our reading of Scripture, we know he didn't "forget what was behind." He brought it up many times as he explained the change that Jesus had brought about in his life to the other apostles and as he testified in the highest courts of the day.

Like Paul, we can't forget about our past sins – and maybe that's good, as long as we remember that Christ has forgotten them! Remembrance of our sins serves the purpose of keeping us humble and grateful, aware that we walk in God's ways only as we rely on him to lead us, thankful that he forgives all sin, past, present, and future. Then we are not encumbered by guilt (1 John 3:20). We can *"[forget] what's behind"* and *"press on toward the goal"* that Christ has laid out before us as we serve him with all the gifts he so graciously gives us.

We begin a new year in God's grace. We also begin each day, sometimes each moment, as newly forgiven, cleansed stewards equipped through Word and Sacrament to fulfill God's purposes for our lives.

*Our own growth and the growth of our church depend on the willingness of us all to invest that talent for others. As a member of your church, you are called to share in all aspects of its life. Membership is responsibility - the response to the call to ministry, and service. To be a church member is to answer that call with time and talent.*

# 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

- SUN. JANUARY 7TH
  - SCS
- SUN. JANUARY 14TH – YOUTH SUNDAY
  - NO CLASS – YOUTH SUNDAY!
- SUN. JANUARY 21ST
  - SCS
- SUN. JANUARY 28TH
  - SCS
- SUN. FEB. 4TH
  - SCS
- SUN. FEBRUARY 11TH – TRANSFIGURATION
  - NO CLASS – TRANSFIGURATION – YOUTH SUNDAY

*A  
New Year  
OF  
Adventure*



*Happy New Year*

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS & HELPERS

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

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## Winter



Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



## Bugs in the Bible



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!



Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.  
Circle them in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 16:20

Psalms 78:45

1 Sam. 24:14

**Matt. 23:24**

**Isaiah 50:9**

Judges 14:8

**Isaiah 59:5**

Acts 12:23

Leviticus 11:22

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# January Celebrations



1/2	Erin Dunn	1/15	John Slaughter
1/2	Jeannie Vitale	1/16	Gary Overbagh
1/3	Wayne Degen	1/16	Jeff Paulsen
1/4	Frank Rager	1/18	Kathleen Rehm
1/7	Elaine Rossi	1/19	Christopher Rager
1/7	Robert Brad, Jr.	1/19	Nicholas Morris
1/7	Gail Blinstrub	1/21	Lynn Leppo
1/7	Chelsea Lee Stout	1/22	Lauren Bilofsky
1/8	Anjali Bose	1/22	Angelique Defeo
1/8	Carol Lipson Funkhauser	1/23	Damian Thomas
1/9	Julie Bartleson	1/23	Kelsi Martin
1/13	Danielle Martinsen	1/24	Laura Ottinger
1/13	Carey Trumpler	1/24	Patricia Martin
1/14	Cindy Short	1/29	Dolores Danielson
1/14	Mike Dunn	1/29	Bob Winkler
1/14	Marsha Goodwin	1/31	Tim Kucey
1/14	Carole Chatelain		

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