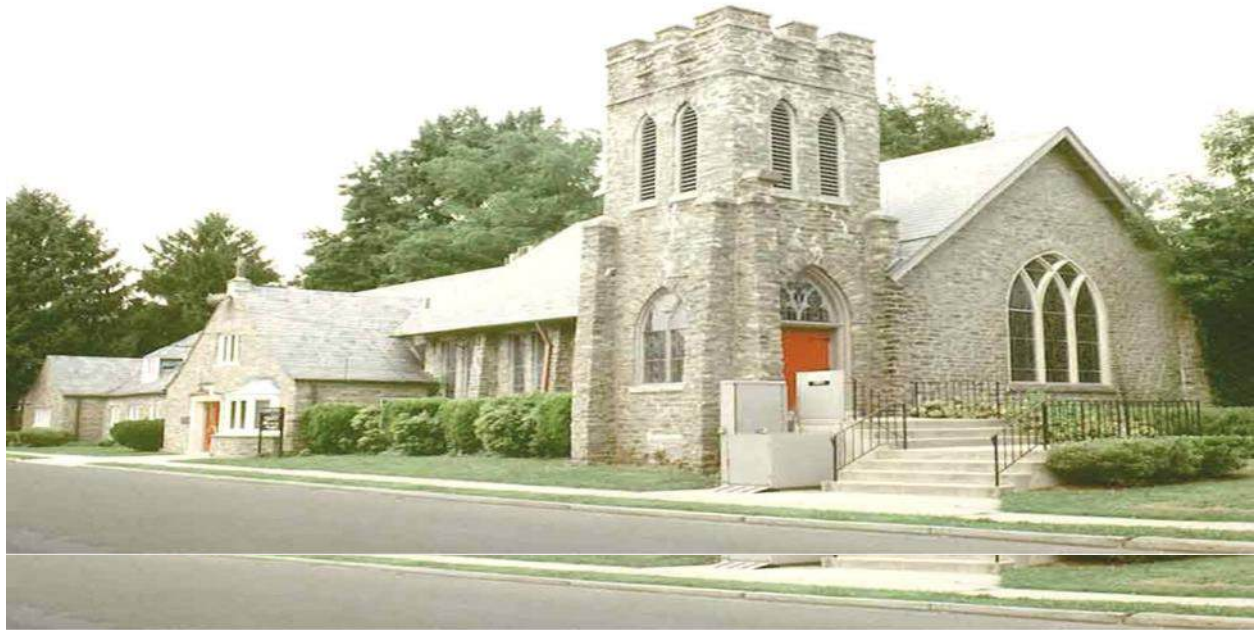


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Redeemer Herald Newsletter For October 2025

**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:

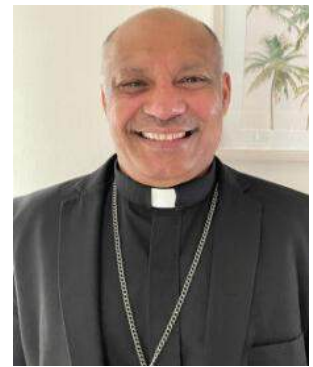
As a community of faith, we worship the Triune God.
We are called to love and serve all God's people and
creation through word and deed.



Pastor's Page

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

As I was thinking of how we are living not only in challenging times, but changing times, I felt very hopeful after reading Bishop Penman's September message.



For this month's newsletter, I would like to share that letter with you. And I pray that you will find encouragement and be hopeful as well.



A Message from Bishop Bryan Penman

Dear Beloved in Christ,

September is always a season of change. The air turns crisp, school doors open, routines shift, and the long days of summer give way to the colors of autumn. The world around us reminds us that change is constant, sometimes gentle, sometimes disruptive, but always present.

Change can be hard. Our church knows this well. We are living in a time when we are being called into new ways of being the body of Christ, experimenting with alternative leadership models, exploring life beyond buildings and budgets, and learning again how to be church with and for our neighbors.

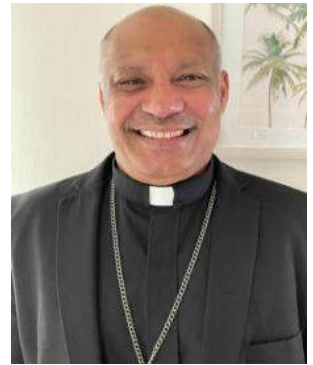
Change can feel uncertain and even frightening. And yet, when we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we discover again and again that God equips us to do more than we ever thought possible.

The seasons themselves are a teacher in this. Autumn reminds us that letting go is part of life. The trees shed their leaves in a glorious display of color, and winter will soon follow. Death and loss are real. And yet, hidden in the soil is the promise of spring. Resurrection always has the final word.

We are also living through a season of change in our wider church. Soon we will give thanks for the leadership of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Secretary Sue Rothmeyer, and we will welcome Presiding Bishop Curry and Secretary Mills. These faithful leaders will bring new energy and direction to our shared mission as the ELCA. With every goodbye and every hello, the Spirit is at work, refining us, shaping us, and calling us forward in hope.

Pastor's Page continued

What if we began to see change not only as loss, but also as invitation? What if letting go is really about laying aside the grave clothes that hold us back, so that we can rise in Christ to something new, something bold, something Spirit-led? Change may always carry grief, but it also carries possibility, the possibility that God is drawing us closer to the kingdom, to each other, and to the fullness of life we are promised in Christ.



This September, may we embrace change with courage, with trust, and with joy. For the God who has changed us through the waters of baptism continues to make all things new.

In Christ's love,
Bishop Bryan Penman

Behold

I AM DOING A NEW THING!
NOW IT SPRINGS UP;
DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?
I AM MAKING A WAY
IN THE WILDERNESS AND
STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND.

ISAIAH 43:19

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:19.

Blessings always,
Pastor Mukesh.



Members:

Lois Hershberger; Winnie Ferguson; Patti Paul; Lynn Leppo; Marty Danielson;
David Erdman; Elizabeth Reinas; Jim Reinas; Judy Lamb; Dee Grover;
Rich Moulder; Mike Dunn; Heather Palladino; Ilene Kersten; Stephanie Rager;
Michelle Morris; Edith Williams; Dolores Danielson; David Short; Bob Winkler;
Denise Goccia; Denise Robinson; Liv Simons; John Slaughter;
Sandra Weasner, Donald Robinson; Joan Dunn;

Relatives and Friends of our Members:

Jim Mosman; Raymond Short Jr.; Terri Rehm; Ann Marie Danieluk;
Bill Castelberg Sr.; Wesley Webb; Bill Armitage; David Thorsen;
Helmi El Senoussi; Jackie Lokitis; Erika Schuette; Mike Parker; Rick Dallara;
Jimmy Susko, Jr; Karen Gorleski; Major Asay; Butch Krajewski; Diane Van Hise;
Patricia Culver; Julie Miller; Angelina Suarez

Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military:

Chad Durban; Kelly Cahill; Matthew Brandon Winter; Reid Furman;
Julia Furman; Anne Furman; Matt Glaze; John Dichoso; Nicholas Ropars;
Danny Parker;

**Remember in Your Prayers Pastor and staff of
Redeemer, and our Nations Leaders:**

Pres. Donald J. Trump,
Vice Pres. J.D. Vance,
Our U.S. Senators,
The Supreme Court,
The House of Representatives.



Prayer Initiative for October 2025

On October 12, 2025 please pray for:

Linda and Bryan Bartleson and daughters Julie and Stacey and their families;
Lauren Bilofsky; Marilyn Bilofsky; Gail and Bob Blinstrub

On October 26, 2025 please pray for:

Erica Bose; Beth Bowe and Family; Denise and Bob Brad and family; Karen Brown

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/>

We are in the process of making the switch from a personal page to an organization page. While this switch will be gradual, we would like to share this post about it with you! This is great news for our congregation, and we hope that this will grow our worshipping community! Please “LIKE” and “FOLLOW” our new organization page! The tech committee thanks you!



Follow us on Facebook at
Redeemer Lutheran Church Penndel
<https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheran1904>

Worship with us on Facebook

While we have a new Facebook organization page, services will continue to stream here:

Redeemer Penndel
<https://www.facebook.com/redeemer.penndel.9>



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.

Sponsorships

2025 Weekly Worship Sponsorship

You are invited to sponsor the following items as a meaningful way to honor your loved ones. Your sponsorship helps beautify our worship space and supports our ministry. Consider this special opportunity to remember, celebrate, or give thanks for those you hold dear.

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 267-566-0043 or dgfteach@yahoo.com

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

SANCTUARY LAMP \$6.00 per Sunday
BUILDING MAINTENANCE A contribution amount of your choosing
TECHNOLOGY FUND A contribution amount of your choosing
Gail Blinstrub at 215-891-1388 or gailaa@verizon.net



Council Highlights

September 2025

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON 9-9-25

WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM – Blessing of the backpacks, briefcases, satchels, etc. took place on 8-24-25. We also blessed all the school supplies that were collected by the Evangelism Committee over the summer in preparation for the new school year. Pastor Mukesh led worship at Redeemer in Jamison on August 31st. We welcomed retired Pastor Bill McGowan to Redeemer Penndel for the day. He provided a sermon focusing on our beautiful sanctuary and stained glass windows, which was “eye-opening” to all. Gail will share the document that she has on the stained glass windows with the congregation. Pastor and Gail will be meeting soon to plan for our fall worship services, and then the Worship and Music Committee will be meeting.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM - STILL LOOKING FOR A LEADER!! Please see Pastor for more information.

SHARED MEAL MINISTRY – On Tuesday, September 2nd, Jay Green provided chicken barbecue and roasted potatoes. Thank you, Jay! We also served mixed vegetables, rolls, salad, desserts, and drinks. Along with other guests, there were approximately 50 guests present. A nice improvement from last month. Thank you to Lori Meola and Lynn Engel for providing Thrivent cards to purchase vegetables, rolls, salad, drinks, and all paper products. Thank you to everyone who manned the kitchen and to everyone who worked serving. This evening was extra special – thanks to Amy Meola. It was a wonderful celebration of Edna for her birthday week with balloons, a crown, a sash, and singing Happy Birthday. Edna’s birthday was on September 5th. The next shared meal will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM – Collection of cleaning supplies for the residents of the Penndel Shelter and our food pantry was suspended during August and will resume for a one-time collection on Sunday, September 21st. Donated items and items that have already been purchased with a Thrivent Action Team card will be assembled by Patti and Cindy for distribution. The Social Ministry Committee met on August 31st to plan the Mission Festival Auction scheduled for September 28th. Proceeds of the auction will be split between Doctors Without Borders and social ministry funding for our local homeless neighbors who frequent the Reach Out organization in Penndel. Thanksgiving and Christmas initiatives were discussed. The committee also began planning the distribution of Christmas gift bags at the December 2nd shared meal. Approximately 50-60 gift bags will be filled with body, hand, and foot warmers. The school supplies that were donated by the congregation will be picked up by Mena Green, BCHA social worker. The school supplies will be distributed to the children at the Penndel and Morrisville emergency shelters. Mena has requested to meet with us to discuss ways that we can help the residents at the shelters.



IN LOVING
Memory

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
September 2025

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

Holly Rogerson

George Rehm

A Memorial was presented by:

David & Cindy Short

Deborah Farnham

Offerings:

A reminder to please send your offering to Redeemer. You can mail it to the church office directly at 239 Fairview Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047), or drop it off to the office Monday through Friday from 9 am-1 pm.

Electronic giving by credit/debit card or direct bank transfer is also available on Redeemer's website at: <http://redeemerlutheranpenndel.org>, or by scanning the QR code on your smart phone:



Contacting Pastor Mukesh

Pastor is always available should anyone need to speak with him. His cell phone number is 267-391-8514.

Give him a call if you need him.

**CONNECTING
WITH YOUR
PASTOR**



UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10/1</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Evangelism - Zoom</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10/2</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>10/4</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Blessing of the Animals</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/5</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/5</i>	<i>10:30 AM</i>	<i>Nourish, Ignite, and Propel Our Faith</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10/6</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10/7</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Shared Meal</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10/9</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/12</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>Worship - Faith & Blue</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10/13</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10/14</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Council Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10/16</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/19</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/19</i>	<i>10:30 AM</i>	<i>Nourish, Ignite, and Propel Our Faith</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/19</i>	<i>1:00 PM</i>	<i>Book Club</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10/20</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10/20</i>		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10/21</i>	<i>12:00 PM</i>	<i>WELCA</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10/23</i>	<i>6:45 PM</i>	<i>Bell Practice</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>10/24</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Frightfully Fun Party</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/26</i>	<i>9:20 AM</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10/26</i>	<i>12:00 PM</i>	<i>Trunk or Treat</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10/27</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10/28</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Stewardship Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10/30</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.



It is our greatest blessing to share that the Redeemer Lutheran Pennel community has once again grown! Please join us in welcoming Lance and Suzanne Fetzer into our church family.

As a caring congregation, we look forward to walking together in faith, sharing in God's love, and supporting one another in the years to come. May your love and faith flourish as you make Redeemer your home.





WELCA Kick-off Meeting

We are excited to begin the 2025–26 WELCA program year with a special kick-off gathering on **Tuesday, September 16 at 5:30 pm**. We'll enjoy fellowship around a bonfire complete with hotdogs and s'mores. WELCA will provide the hotdogs, rolls, and all the s'mores supplies—just bring along your lawn chair and get ready for a relaxed evening of food, fun, and friendship.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer, share in conversation, and learn more about what's coming up in WELCA this year. Everyone is welcome—we hope you'll join us!



What is WELCA?

WELCA is short for *Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*—quite a mouthful, we know! At its heart, WELCA is about mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. There is truly a place for everyone in Women of the ELCA.

Here at Redeemer, our WELCA group meets on the **third Tuesday of every month at 12:00 noon**. Each month brings something new—speakers, presentations, or even the occasional field trip.

Come and be part of the fun, the fellowship, and the ministry

Social Ministry Report

September 2025

9/10 - Delivered school supplies to the BCHA Penndel facility. Mena Green was overjoyed by the quality and quantity of the supplies, which included backpacks and lunch boxes, paper, art supplies, etc.



9/15 - Had a very productive meeting with Mena Green (BCHA, Social worker/case manager) to discuss ways that Redeemer can assist her clients. Mena is profoundly grateful for the help that Redeemer consistently provides throughout the year and especially during the holidays. Several funding sources have been or will be cut back by government budgets so what we can do to help will make a big difference.

Needed Turnover Items - residents usually turn over on a yearly basis. No new turnovers are expected for the next 6-7 months. Items needed are plates, bowls, cups, pots/pans, towels, wash cloths, and bath mats. One current client is expecting a baby next month and will need bottles, baby blankets, and onesies.



Recurring Needs - Laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, baby wipes. I let Mena know that we are collecting cleaning items for the residents this Sunday, and I will try to get them to her by the end of the month. Diapers are not needed because the clients can get them from the local diaper bank.

Mena mentioned that their food pantry at Penndel periodically runs low on supplies. I informed Mena that our food pantry is open Mon-Fri, 12-1 pm. I also let Mena know that we provide a free shared meal to the community on the first Tuesday of the month. Neither of these resources were previously known at the shelter. In the summer of 2026 I will remind Mena of the VBS program at Redeemer, which would allow a little free time for the mothers as well as a meal for their child.

9/15 - Contacted Kathy Rehm to express my deep sympathies. Additional meals were offered, as well as any other type of support that Social Ministry may provide.

9/21 - Collection of cleaning supplies for the emergency shelter residents and our food pantry



Mission Festival

Thank You for your supports and Prayers!

9/28 - Held the Annual Mission Festival Auction. A total of \$671.00 was raised, and the proceeds will be split evenly between Doctors Without Borders and social ministry funds to assist our homeless neighbors. A check for \$335.50 has been written to DWB from the Social Ministry account.

An anonymous donor has generously offered to match all donations, tripling the impact of your gift for a total contribution impact of \$1,006.50!

I want to commend the committee for all the extra help this year due to my shoulder injury. Special thanks to Edna Schwenk, Karen Kondryk, Marilyn Hwrynck, Deb Farnham, and our most talented Auctioneer, Cindy Oser



Blessing of the Animals

*Saturday,
October 4, 2025
10:00 am*



Join friends and neighbors on the church grounds for our annual blessing of the animals. You are welcome to bring your leashed pet or keep your pet in a carrier. We welcome all pets: furry, scaly, and feathery, as well as stuffed animals or pictures of your pet!

This special event is free and open to ALL community members of any religious affiliation. On this day, we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. All of God's creatures are welcome.

Please join us with your pet at the 10:00 am service.



**Faith and Blue
Sunday, October 12th**



Honoring our Heroes

*Please join Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 12, 2025
at 9:20 am for our Faith & Blue Worship Service.*

Faith & Blue is a nationwide effort to strengthen the bonds between local communities and law enforcement. By coming together in worship, we hope to create opportunities for meaningful conversation, reduce misunderstandings, and work side by side for a more just and caring community.

This special service is not only about faith and prayer, but also about building relationships, sharing stories, and discovering new ways to support one another. We would love for you to be part of this day of connection and hope.

Come, bring a friend, and help us celebrate Faith & Blue together. All are welcome!

Refreshments will follow the worship service

Please RSVP to us at 215-757-2724, or by email to
[redeemerlutheranchurchpenndel@verizon.net](mailto:redemerlutheranchurchpenndel@verizon.net)



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, Boscov's will host the 29th Anniversary of the Friends Helping Friends event, a special day filled with fun and fundraising to benefit area non-profit organizations. This annual event raises over \$2 million for local non-profit organizations, including Redeemer Lutheran Church.

\$5 DONATIONS: Each pass is \$5, and Redeemer Lutheran keeps 100% of this donation!

25% Off* SHOPPING PASS: Customers donating \$5 will receive an **In-Store and Online** Shopping Pass valid during this one-day event on October 22, 2025. For an online discount, a one-time use, unique code is provided on each shopping pass.

And you can register to win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card: Scan the QR code on the shopping pass for a chance to win. One customer from each store will receive a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card!

See Gail Blinstrub to purchase your shopping pass, call her at 215-499-8602, or email gailaa@verizon.net



ONE DAY ONLY - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025
SHOP 8AM - 11PM

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

- **25% OFF** DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS*
- **REGISTER TO WIN** A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD
One Winner at every Boscov's store

Fellowship (Coffee Hour)

We hope you are enjoying fellowship time after worship—it's such a joy to see so many of you staying to share in conversation and community!

While some of the treats are donated, not everything is. To help us keep providing a delicious fellowship time each week, we kindly ask you to consider dropping a dollar or two into the donation jar when you're able. Every little bit helps!



We know it's easy to forget cash these days, but if you can tuck a dollar in your pocket or wallet on Sunday morning, it would go a long way in keeping this special time going strong.

Thank you for your continued support!



The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus

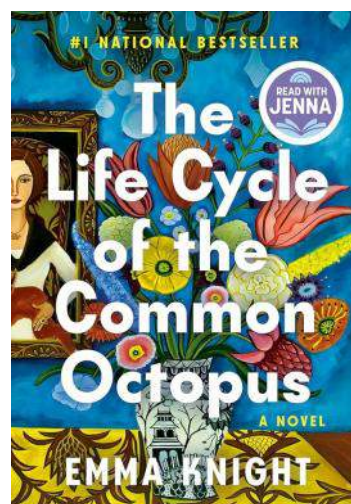
By
Emma Knight

The book club will meet Sunday,
October 21st, at 1:00 pm 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!

**Sunday
October 19th**



Wheel of Fortune
Fun Committee
Friday, October 24th
6:00 pm

Redeemer's Fun Committee and
Evangelism Team presents...

FRIGHTFULLY FUN PARTY

OCTOBER 24, 2025



HAUNTED HOUSE

Spooky Songs

Halloween-Themed Games

COSTUME CONTESTS

6:00-10:00 pm

\$10 per person

\$5 for 12 and under

Pizza, snacks, drinks,
and fun included!

246 Hulmeville Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047

Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 26th
12:00 – 2:00

We need **YOU** to help make this event a success!
Stay after worship, decorate your vehicle, and hand out
candy to our visitors and kids in the community.
Get creative with your trunk—fun, spooky, or silly themes are
all welcome. This is a wonderful way to share fellowship,
spread joy, and welcome families. Candy donations are also
appreciated if you can't host a trunk!



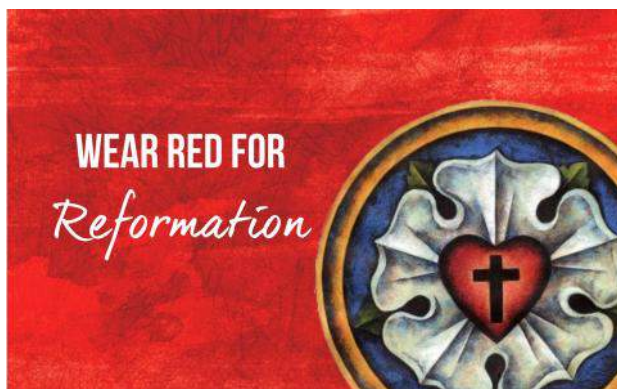


2025 WELCA Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 1st

As always, the success of our bazaar depends on the generosity and support of our Redeemer family!

- **Donations:** If you have any unwanted Christmas items, please consider donating them for the bazaar. Donations may be left in the library area at any time.
- **Set-up Help:** On **Sunday, October 26**, we will be moving stored Christmas items from upstairs down to the library area. Many hands make light work—please join us for a “bucket-brigade” style move!
- **Baking:** The bake table is always a favorite, and we need your help to keep it full. Please bake your favorite treat and deliver it to the church during the week leading up to the bazaar, or bring it the morning of the event.
- **Bazaar Day:** Be sure to come out for **lunch and shopping!** The lunch is always delicious, the fellowship is wonderful, and you never know what treasures you’ll find.

Thank you for all you do to make this event such a blessing. We truly couldn’t do it without you.



Reformation Sunday Sunday, October 26th 9:20 am

It's time to celebrate **Reformation Day**! This important day in the history of Christianity commemorates October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther boldly nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Castle Church—sparking the Reformation and shaping the church as we know it today.

Join us as we remember and give thanks for this rich heritage of faith!

All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 2nd 9:20 am



All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for all of God's saints — not only those canonized by the church, but all faithful followers of Jesus throughout history.

On this day, we remember those who have gone before us, honoring their lives and their witness of faith.

If you have lost a loved one this past year, you are invited to share their name and a picture so that we may include them in our All Saints' PowerPoint tribute.

Please send submissions to the church office or email redeemerlutheranchurch-pennndel@verizon.net.

Deadline: Tuesday, October 28, 2025



As we prepare for the colder months, please consider donating non-perishable, high-calorie foods such as canned soups and stews, beans, rice, and peanut butter. These items provide essential nourishment, warmth, and energy during the winter season.

Cash donations are also a wonderful way to give—food banks are able to purchase items in bulk at lower costs, stretching every dollar even further.

Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Thank you!

Please note that we currently have plenty of pasta. Thank you for your generous donations—other items are still greatly appreciated!

Recommended Food Items for Winter

Focus on shelf-stable, easy-to-prepare items that provide high calories to help people stay warm:

Protein: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, canned or dried beans (like chickpeas, black beans, kidney beans), and peanut butter.

Grains: Whole grains, rice, oatmeal, and whole-grain crackers.

Hearty Meals: Soups, stews, and chili are excellent as they are easy to heat and eat. Instant and powdered soups are easy to make and easy to carry.

Fruits & Vegetables: Canned fruits in juice (not syrup) and low-sodium canned vegetables.

High-Calorie Snacks: Nuts, trail mix, and protein bars provide sustained energy.

Cooking Staples: Cooking oil, spices, and pasta sauces are versatile additions.

Drinks: Coffee, tea, powdered milk and cocoa can be used for warming drinks.

Important Donation Tips

Check Dates: Never donate expired or near-expired food.

Avoid Perishables: Most food pantries cannot accept perishable items like fresh produce or dairy that require refrigeration.

Look for Pop-Top Cans: These are helpful for people who may not have can openers.

Contact the Pantry: Always check with your local food pantry or food bank to learn their most needed items, as needs can vary.

Shared Meal

For Redeemer's shared meal on Tuesday, September 2, Jay Green provided chicken barbecue and roasted potatoes. Thank You, Jay. We also served mixed vegetables, rolls, salad, desserts, and drinks.

Sue and Christine, bus drivers, each brought us guests. Along with other guests, there were approximately fifty (50) guests present. A nice improvement from last month.

Thank you to Lori Meola and Lynn Engel for providing Thrivent cards to purchase vegetables, rolls, salad, drinks, and all paper products. Thank you to everyone who manned the kitchen and to everyone who worked serving.

This evening was extra special – thanks to Amy Meola. It was a wonderful celebration of Edna for her birthday week, with balloons, crown, a sash, and singing the Happy Birthday song by everyone. Edna's birthday was September 5.



Upcoming shared meals will be:

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Nourish, Ignite, and Propel Our Faith

Pastor is offering a time to equip and encourage you in sharing your faith beyond the church walls. Whether you'd like to lead prayers in public or simply deepen your spiritual journey, you are invited.

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays after Worship in the Martin Luther Room.

Come—ignite your faith and step into God's calling!



Stop by our church library and browse the selection. Books are available for just 25¢ each—simply take a book and leave a quarter in the can located on one of the shelves. All proceeds go directly to the Current Fund—every little bit helps!



You're welcome to keep the book or, if you prefer, return it when you're finished and I'll place it back on the shelf. We kindly ask that donations be limited to fiction and non-fiction books only.

SOCRATES *Cafe*

Socrates Cafe Sunday, TBD Following Worship

Please join us in the parish hall following worship on a Sunday to be determined for another session of Hope through Conversation.

*The Art of Conversation:
Community through Dialogue*

Learning to share thoughts, develop ideas, and explore perspectives can foster civility, humility, and the fruit of the spirit. These discussions aim to illuminate the difference between talk & conversation, exemplify the art of listening, and demonstrate how to employ these arts with others of various ages & backgrounds.

Bible Study



Bible Study meets on Mondays at 7:15 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to dive deeper into God's Word, ask questions, and share meaningful conversations with others in our church family. Whether you are a long-time participant or brand new to Bible Study, you are warmly invited to join us. Come grow in faith and fellowship as we study scripture together!

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 quarterly at 6:00 pm prior to Bible Study. Next meeting date to be determined. 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 9:00 am—1:00 pm or mail them to the church using the address of 239 Fairview Avenue, Penn del, PA 19047, or you can drop them in the basket in the narthex.



“Don’t use people to build the church. Use the church to build people.” — **Tan Seow**

October 2025

10/24 Halloween party

Join us again this year for our Halloween Party, hosted by the Fun Committee and Evangelism Teams! Enjoy snacks, pizza, and games for all ages. Kids can explore the *Haunted House* in the basement. Costumes are welcome (but not required)! Everyone had such a great time last year—we can’t wait to celebrate again with you!



10/26 Trunk or Treat

Get ready for some spook-tacular fun! Evangelism is sponsoring our annual *Trunk or Treat* right after the parade. Want to join the fun by decorating your trunk? Let Sandy know—she’s gathering a count of participants. (She’s also providing a Thrivent card to help stock up on candy!) Jess will be running games and activities on the lawn for the kids, so there’s fun for everyone! We’re also collecting non-candy treats in the narthex for children who can’t enjoy candy—your donations are greatly appreciated. Come in costume, bring your smiles, and join us for a ghoulishly good time!

Thrivent cards

Everything we do at Redeemer can be strengthened with Thrivent Action Cards—and we need your help to keep growing our impact! For just \$19.95 per year, anyone 16 or older can become an associate member and receive a \$250 Action Card to support ministry projects and community outreach. Sign up today using the link below, or ask Chris Ryan for assistance. Your membership makes a real difference!

<https://onboard.cotribute.co/flows/55931fb6-5804-46a3-afb5-9542ecb2b996?web=1&wdLOR=cD45FA516-FD47-453B-94DB-CEE2E5715CDF>

Evangelism meets via zoom at 7pm 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 Next meeting will be on Wednesday November 3, 2025 at 7pm via ZOOM.

Chris Ryan

Sharing God's Bounty

October 2025

Climbing Higher

In a unique way, the author Max Lucado offers an interesting perspective regarding the life of Christians and the branches of a tree. According to his tree analogy, most Christians sit comfortably on low-lying thick branches. Life for Christians next to the trunk of the tree is steady and predictable. There are higher branches, but they appear risky and a lot less comfortable. In our humanity, we desire to stay where it is safe and easy. We become branch-sitters.

Again considering the analogy of the tree, we can say that Jesus calls each of us to climb higher in our prayer life, in our worship, in reading his Word, and in our generosity. As we climb, the branches will be thinner and less steady, but Christ will support us. The world tells us to stay put on our secure big branches, but the one who loves us is quietly nudging us to go higher. Jesus wants us to depend on and trust in him. He promises that he will never leave us.

One climb that we may resist the most is in the area of giving. The average Christian household gives approximately 2.7 percent of their income to their church, so most of us are sitting securely on some rather low branches. Our heavenly Father wants us to climb higher in the area of our giving. *"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made"* (1 Corinthians 16:2). We are to climb so that we regularly give a portion of our income. As we climb in our giving, we show our gratitude and thanksgiving for all of God's blessings. When we climb toward the branch that says "tithe" and go beyond that branch to the one marked "sacrificial giving," we hear God's Words, *"Well done, good and faithful servants"* (Matthew 25:21).

Our prayer is that Christians will take God at his Word, his promise to take care of us and provide for our needs and follow the Holy Spirit as he leads us to higher and higher branches. After all, God knows better than anyone the cost of hanging on a tree.



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October Celebrations

10/2	Mary Lou Robinson	10/19	Aella Strohl
10/3	Liv Simons	10/21	Patricia Finn
10/3	David Austin	10/21	Lauren Defeo
10/3	Erik Martinsen	10/23	Sam Meola, Jr.
10/4	Vonda Kieser	10/23	Cody Latko
10/7	Joseph Cochran	10/23	Hannah Ruth
10/10	Brittany Hyndman Cilestio	10/27	Evan Trumpler
10/10	Albert Mateo	10/29	Avery Austin
10/11	David Short	10/30	Lois Gradel
10/13	Elizabeth Rose Hotalen	10/30	Cassidy Volkman
10/14	Fred Winter Jr.	10/31	Bunny Elinich
10/16	Rita Solt	10/31	Katie Ladigoski
10/19	Amy Schuette	10/31	Patricia Paul



10/1/2000	Donald and Valerie Mihalek
10/1/1988	Andrea and Raymond Cancilla
10/3/2009	Brian and Meghan Schmidt
10/6/1990	Christine & Steven Rager
10/11/1986	Bob and Denise Brad
10/12/1962	Marty and Dolores Danielson
10/16/1982	Dawn and Ron Thomas
10/21/2001	Michael and Vicki Ruth



“Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Sometimes our records are incomplete. Please let us know.”