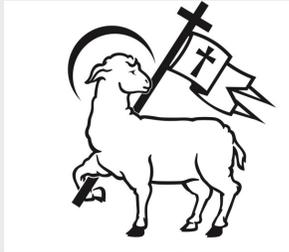


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Please note copies of the monthly Lay Ministry Schedule can be found in the Narthex.

Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

Dear Redeemer Family,

As this summer comes to a close and we gear up for the fall program at Redeemer, I have been thinking about how our congregation is like a way station for people on their journey of faith. Some people stay at this way station for most of their lives, and others are a part of the Redeemer family for a shorter period of time. Yet, what binds us all together is the opportunity to join in intentional Christian community that gathers around God's word and sacraments, and serves the world around us.

Because of the way you all do this, our way station for faith travelers can touch the lives of many other people. Our summer activities speak directly to this. We had many people join us, both young and old, over the summer in our Vacation Bible School program. We also had a visit from our missionary, Pastor Janelle Neubauer. We showed her hospitality, and received in return news and learning from the people of the Lutheran Church in Rwanda.

Now as we turn to our fall activities, remember to pray that Redeemer might continue in its service to any and all who come through our doors seeking fellowship in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And may we find our ministry strengthened for the journey that we are each on as well.

Yours in Christ,
+PL

Evangelism

by Carol Dunbar, Chair

Ramsey Day - September 7

The Evangelism Committee is meeting to make plans for our Ramsey Day booth. Ramsey Day takes place this year on Saturday, September 7.

In addition to planning activities, we will also need volunteers to help us with setting up our booth, taking it down at the end of the afternoon and taking shifts at running the booth, playing games, making friends, and greeting families.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact me at cdunbar4@gmail.com. We will have a signup sheet posted in the fellowship hall in August. This is a great chance for us to be out in the community and fulfilling our mission statement, "We dedicate ourselves to nurturing the awareness of God's presence in our world, and to sharing our blessings with others."

Property and Grounds

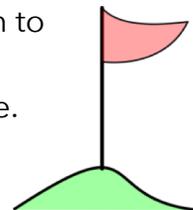
by John P.L. Manke, Chair

Electrical: New batteries installed in 2 floor emergency lighting.

General Maintenance: New cabinets hung in the new classroom on 2nd floor (Thanks Fred). Hornets nest killed by bell tower. New lighting instruction signs hung in church. Reiner performed AC Maintenance, found 2 issues that were resolved.

Attention all Golfers

We are now starting to plan the **6th Annual Redeemer Golf Outing**. Once again, the outing will be open to members and friends of the Congregation, male or female. Young adults, 12 and older, with their own clubs, are also welcome. The outing will take place at **Walkill Golf Club in Middletown, NY** (about a 45-minute ride) on **Saturday, September 28**. The cost will be \$75.00 per person and includes greens fees, cart and lunch with tip. If you think you would like to be involved, please see Mike Vandevander or call at 201-783-3555. You could also send an email to mvandevander@verizon.net.



Social Ministry

by Sharon Hearn, Chair

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 15. Redeemer will be hosting a meal packing event benefiting the Center for Food Action. We will be packing 10,000 Tomato Basil Pasta meals! Look for signup sheets in Fellowship Hall.



September's monthly envelope collection will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Stewardship

by Judith Schaefer, Chair

Our 2019 Stewardship Campaign is "Sharing Our Faith," with our focus, once again, on Faith Formation. Look up "Faith Formation" on our website <http://www.redeemerramsey.org/> and see how important Faith Formation is to this congregation, from our entry into the church through Baptism and throughout our lives! Children's Ministry is the journey with parents and children in faith formation, as we learn to live out Jesus' love. Energized by lively engagement in our faith and life, we offer a variety of opportunities for youth to grow in and explore their faith. In adult study groups, we nurture our faith and explore the Bible.

When I was asked to chair the Stewardship Committee I admit I was hesitant, but Pastor Michael helped me to understand how, not only I, but our entire congregation takes care of our church through the investment of our three T's—our Time, Talent, and Treasure. We are stewards of what has been entrusted to us by God.

The Stewardship committee and Church Council ask you to help support our mission by making an annual Stewardship pledge. This pledge is a "first fruits"

"Now the church can assume its proper place as a servant to the world, rather than trying to maintain its own power and position within society. It has an opportunity to act as a steward (servant) and can now take stewardship seriously."
Douglas John Hall, theologian (1990)

pledge to God, based on an assessment of our annual personal or family budget. We know that our faith in God is strong, and that our mission goals are sound. Please note our Stewardship Campaign Schedule, with Temple Talks on October 6, October 13, and October 20. October 27 will be Commitment Sunday. There will be one church service at 10:15am followed by a potluck luncheon.

RALLY DAY!

Please join us on Sunday, September 22, 2019 for our annual Rally Day Celebration. Kids' service project and Parents' meeting with Pastor Linderman start at 9:15A. Service at 10:15A. Picnic to follow!

Stewardship talent
 commitment growing vision support giving planning
 blessing sharing vision LOVE PLEDGE time
 treasure caring faith community

Music Notes - With Songs And Anthems I Come Before You

by Fran Morton

Here we are at September, the start of the fall season and a short list of musical things we will be doing:

First, adult choir rehearsal begins on Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to join us. We'll plan to sing first on Rally Day Sunday (9/22) or maybe earlier if you'd like - let me know.

Amber Cusak will start up her wonderful work with our littlest singers. Stay tuned to learn when they will sing for us during the season.

I'm recruiting for handbell ringers. We will start using our handbells in Sunday services during the fall. I need at least 5 volunteers to begin. Let me know if you, or your kids, or your grandkids, and/or all of you would like to ring with us. The tentative plan is to rehearse several times and then play at the 10:15 service on a Sunday morning that we choose.

A little later on the choir will start preparing for the Thanksgiving Inter-Faith service held at St. John's Episcopal this year.

But I'm about to forget a really terrific piece of news - our new piano in Fellowship Hall! Earlier in the summer, a friend decided to donate her piano if she could find a good home for it with a person or group that would care for it and use it well. We said we'd love to have it so long as it was in good shape (we did a professional

evaluation, which it passed with flying colors). We moved it into Fellowship Hall, got it a dolly (strong wheels so it can be moved safely whenever we need to) and a cover that will keep it from damage by spills or bumps. We're ready to go. But, we definitely don't want this to be a case of "all dressed up with nowhere to go" so, I'm looking for ideas on how to use our piano.

Of course, there are lots of things we could do every so often, recitals, sings, music workshops, but I'm really looking for your help in coming up with things we could do that would really integrate this new instrument into the life of the church. Maybe we could add a little music to coffee hour every now and again. Let me know your ideas and thoughts.

See you in September!



Take a family picture and send it to us!

Redeemer
Member
Directory Update
Is Coming!

Please email a close-up of yourself and/or your family to

office@RedeemerRamsey.org

Faith Formation Views - Thank you to all our VBS Volunteers!

by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director

On August 5-9, the halls of Redeemer were flooded with children participating in our annual Vacation Bible School. This year 61 kids from 38 families (and a wait list) engaged on an epic African savanna safari, explored God's goodness, and celebrated a ferocious faith that powers us through this wild life. We collected a small mountain of groceries that were delivered to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. There are so many people who helped make this week so special.

Thank you to Greg for positioning the sign on the lawn for the community to see and for Mark for creating and supplying the sign. Thank you to Mitchell who transformed our church into an African savanna full of bright, vibrant colors, untamed grasslands, and majestic views!

Thank you to our wonderful Station Leaders! Thank you to Jennifer and Helen who helped the kids make crafts each day. Thank you to Heather and Christine who led the kids in outdoor high-energy games. Thank you to Denise, Gail and Michelle who gathered the ingredients for the snacks that connected with the day's Bible verse. Thank you to Ginelle who showed movies about real kids in Africa living out their faith in really cool ways and our fun Bible memory buddies.

Thank you to our Crew Leaders, Joyce, Kirsten, Jan, Marian, Amber, Nina, Joan and Karen who led the kids around from station to station and kept them safe.

Thank you to Ed and Pastor Linderman for offering beautiful instrumental accompaniment each day and Pastor Paul Miller for filling in one day when Pastor Linderman had jury duty.

Thank you to our tween and teen volunteers, 24 in all! The kids enjoyed having you there and the adults really appreciated having your help. Thank you Aaron, Amanda G, Amanda R, Audrey, Bianca, Caeden, Calie, Chad, Charlie, Colette, Conner, Elise, Erin, Ethan, Jack, Jonathan, Kallin, Lily, Max, Mira, Molly, Reid, Ryan and Sam.

A final thank you to the Redeemer congregation, who supports this ministry for the children from Redeemer and the community. It is your support that makes this program the wonderful success that it is!



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Vacation Bible School Fun!



Thank you to our staff, our adult and teen volunteers,
and our VBS families, for the best week!
God is good!



by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director and Heather Layng, Chair

Is God Calling You to Volunteer for our Sunday school Program?

How is God calling each of you? Are you being called to volunteer for our Sunday school program? We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the My Grown Up & Me class for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ministering to our children is a gift we are all blessed to receive. In 2017 I read "The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry" by Kenda Creasy Dean & Ron Foster for my Seminary program. When you pray on how you are called to minister please keep their words in mind:

"...we'd like to offer you some sacred space in your life. We want to give you room to listen to God's word to you and to experience God's nearness and what that might mean for you...we will listen to what God has to say to us, remain open to God's presence, and consider how God seems to be equipping us for ministry."

We look forward to hear how you feel you are being called.

Activity Bags for Worship

There are colorful canvas activity bags in the Coat Room for children who need to be occupied during the worship services. Please be sure to return the bags when leaving church.

Blessing of Backpacks - September 8 at 9:15am Service

Pastor Linderman will offer the children a blessing as they begin their school year. Children should bring their backpacks to worship and wear them as they come forward for the Children's Sermon.

Rally Day - September 22 - Save the Date!

Installation of Sunday School Teachers - September 22 at 10:15am Service



Adult Education - Monday, September 30 at 7:30pm

For the 2019-2020 year, we will be using the seven part series entitled "Animate: Bible." This program digs deep into the Bible and how it came to be and is designed to reinvigorate and deepen our understanding of the Bible. Topics include Canon, History, Testaments, Gospels, Genre, Interpretation and Grace. September is the first session and it is on "Canon: Mining for the Word." A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall in early September. The cost of the Animate: Bible Journal is \$15.

by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director and Heather Layng, Chair

Redeemer Youth Group



Starting in September!

 8th–12th graders	 1st, 3rd (&5th) friday nights @7:30pm beginning Sept 20th	 Redeemer's Fellowship Hall & other fun locations
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Youth group offers a place for teenagers to discover that they are beloved children of God exactly as they are, called by God, to do God's work on earth by being stewards of creation and serving their neighbor. Freed from achievement and pressure to differentiate, at youth group teenagers can dedicate their time to discover that God has already equipped them to do God's relational, often spontaneous, and often ordinary work -- NOW.

How: Pastor Linderman and Stephanie will act as guides advising the teenagers to define their own activities and projects. Teenagers will be able to mentor one another and share their gifts and talents. Friends are always welcome!

Questions: Contact Pastor Linderman or Stephanie Doyle



September

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>12th Sunday in Pentecost 1</p> <p>9:15A Svc of Holy Communion 10:15A Coffee Hour</p>	<p>2</p> 	3	<p>4</p> <p>10A Bible Study 10:30A Yarn Ministry</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00A Al-Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>Ramsey Day</p>
<p>13th Sunday in Pentecost 8</p> <p>9:15A Svc of Holy Communion/ Blessing of the Backpacks 10:15A Coffee Hour</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10A Bible Study 10:30A Yarn Ministry</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Redeemer Reminder Deadline 10:00A Al-Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	13	14
<p>14th Sunday in Pentecost 15</p> <p>9:15A Svc of Holy Communion 10:15A Coffee Hour 1:00P God's Work Our Hands Food Packing Event</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>10A Redeemer Quilters</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10A Bible Study 10:30A Yarn Ministry</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00A Al-Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30P Youth Group</p>	21
<p>15th Sunday in Pentecost 22</p> <p>RALLY DAY</p> <p>9:15A SS Parent Meeting in Lounge/ Children School Supply Packing in Fellowship Hall 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion Installation of SS Teachers 11:15A Coffee Hour</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>10A Bible Study 10:30A Yarn Ministry</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00A Al-Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>Golf Outing</p>
<p>16th Sunday in Pentecost 29</p> <p>8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5P Confirmation Kickoff 7:30P Adult Ed</p>					



Pastor Janelle with Redeemer's Evangelism Committee, and Pastor Linderman

Dear Church of the Redeemer, What an absolute joy to witness to God's good news alongside you this summer! And a baptism too! Please know how grateful I am for your love, support, and prayers for the ministry I participate in in Rwanda. I look forward to the ways we will continue to connect across the miles. God be with you all! Peace, Pastor Janelle Neubauer

Dear Redeemer Friends,
Your thoughtful gift of a beautiful prayer shawl touched me deeply. It's going with me to the hospital tomorrow. Many thanks! Karen Bartholomew

(Note: Karen has been a substitute organist for us many times in the past, and received the prayer shawl from our Knitting ministry group when she began her cancer treatment.)

July 9, 2019
Dear friends at Redeemer,

Thank you for your generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! Your donation ensures that LWR Quilts and Kits get in to the hands of people who need them most.... On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve together, please accept my heartfelt thanks once more for your gift and all that it will do.

Warm regards,
Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO
Lutheran World Relief

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

- 9/1 Arlene Rybak
- 9/3 Conner Behrmann, Erin Grunfelder
- 9/4 William Cunningham, Carol Johnsen
- 9/7 Luke Pacenza, Debby Riedel
- 9/8 Paul Jost, Jessica (Cozine) Vaught
- 9/9 Vivian Manke
- 9/10 Teddi McCabe, Lizzie Niederauer
- 9/11 Susan Kaulfers
- 9/12 Daniel Harvey, Steven Sacher
- 9/13 Ashley Chudyk, Connor Martel
- 9/14 David Carlson, Alexandra Certosimo, Michael Listmeier, William Tanis
- 9/15 J. Justin Massaro, Jake McCabe, Karin Pralle
- 9/16 Mike Doyle, Luca Germershausen, Elisabeth Gustowarow, R.J. Laird
- 9/17 Christian Doherty, Ernie Kastner
- 9/18 Inge Kahns, Brooks Makely
- 9/19 Adrianna Nagel, Max Steinhilber
- 9/20 Tracey Listmeier, Molly Paris, Joe Tarulli
- 9/21 Pamela Di GregorioMargit Kristensen, Laura Mende
- 9/22 Abigail Brinkman, Victoria Checkley, Carson Dunbar, Sam Linderman-Vento
- 9/23 Ozzie Carlson, Christel Cerny, Max Oliver
- 9/24 Nina Eichen, Gordon Khan, Hudson Reid
- 9/25 Nicholas Dotti, Ryan Ledlow, Emily Shields
- 9/27 Frank Farinaro, Ethan Thompson
- 9/28 Richard O'Connor, Vijay Virmani
- 9/29 Caeden Doyle
- 9/30 Marc Oliver, Kali Vozeh



Wedding Anniversaries

- 9/2 Cheryl and Michael McKeown
Melissa and Marc Oliver
- 9/8 Helen and Fred Damiano
Pamela and Matthew Thompson
- 9/10 Laura and Brian Behrmann
- 9/12 Tina and Kurt Grotheer
- 9/15 Lois and Robert Spreen
- 9/18 Theresa and Michael Vandevander
- 9/21 Liz and Alex Loranger
- 9/23 Lauren and Sean Roden
- 9/24 Ann and Ernest Kastner
- 9/27 Lillian and Charles Turner
Sara and Chris Wilson



Baptismal Anniversaries

- 9/1 Mike Kastner
Greg Sundermann
- 9/3 Carol Cunningham
- 9/4 Justin Hawkesworth
- 9/5 Jack Garabedian
- 9/9 Kevin Murphy
- 9/10 Wesley Wilson
- 9/12 Daniel Harvey
- 9/18 Kennedy Cusack
- 9/20 Ella Royle
- 9/21 Meghan Brinkmann
- 9/22 Brianna Brochhausen
- 9/23 Alexa Cherven, Claire Mastrofilipo
Max Rosen
- 9/26 Thomas Antonelli
- 9/27 Dean Cartier
Olivia Doherty
Lucas Slader
- 9/28 Riley Lauretta
- 9/29 Linda DiGruttilla

Redeemer Reminder Articles for the month of October are due Thursday, September, 19.

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