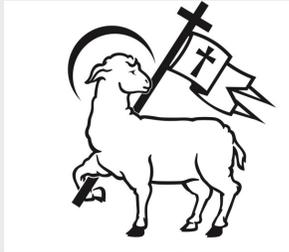


THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

"You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5)

A Christian congregation is like any other human organization. We have a reason for meeting, a meeting place, and a group of people who help run the organization. We have activities for the larger group, and hold special events, usually on some kind of annual schedule.

What sets a Christian congregation apart from other organizations is the reason for meeting. According to the verse from 1 Peter, quoted above, a Christian congregation is first of all a spiritual temple for God, a body of people who are held together by the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst. As we are held together by Christ, we are called to be a "royal priesthood" who offer "sacrifices" to God. Our presence, and the "sacrifice" we make in the world, witnesses to God's grace. What form does this "sacrifice" take? It comes in the form of praise of God in worship, participating in God's activity in the sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion), and serving others and the world in love. There may be lots of human organizations, as well as other ways Christ works in the world, but the church is a distinct form of Christ's activity in the world, meant to provide a specific witness to the world—that God in fact loves it, and has redeemed it.

As our fall programming gets underway, and stewardship becomes our focus in October, I marvel at the amazing opportunity we have to be a witness to Christ's work in the world. I invite you to pray during this stewardship month that our witness to Christ's work might be generously supported, and that we might be faithful to our calling.

Yours in Christ's love, PL

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

Property and Grounds

by John P.L. Manke, Chair

Electrical: Met with Bergen Protective about Panic Alarm system waiting on quote. Both Bergen Protective and Commercial Protective highly discourage the DTS quote. The quote is residential system and not UL listed. There are standards for what we need. The church had 3-5 false alarms due to a very dirt smoke detector in the basement work room. Commercial Protective cleaned the head and will replace. Ramsey FD is recommending that we replace all the heads as they are 20+ years old. Commercial Protective to give us a quote.

General Maintenance: Hornets nest to be removed once cool weather is here. Will reach out to Reiner for our annual heating PM. Requested a quote on sealing and re-striping parking lot.



Healing Service

Sunday, October 20 at 12 noon.

New Member Sunday

All Saints Sunday, November 3, during the 10:15am service we will be welcoming new members. If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer, please speak with Pastor Linderman.

29th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored By

Ramsey Cub Scout Pack 175

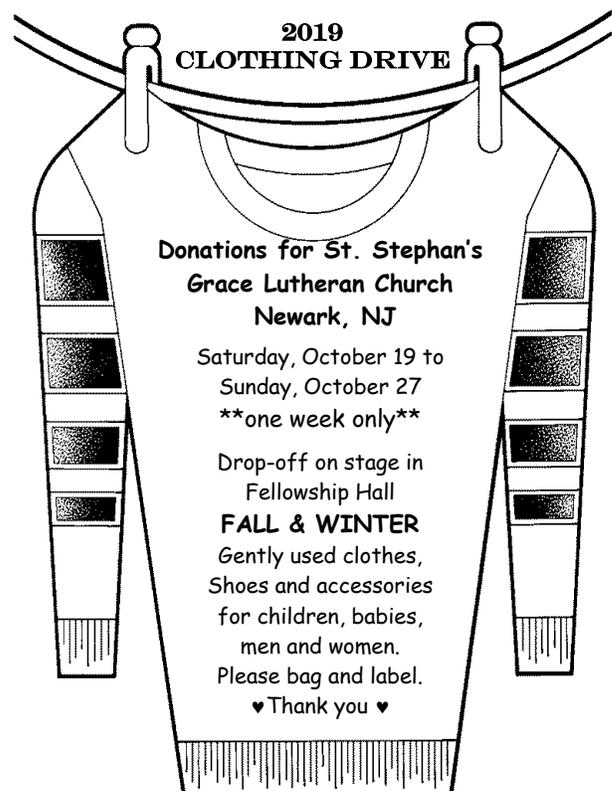


When: Sunday, October 13th, 2019

Time: 8am – Noon

Where: The Academy of St. Paul's Cafeteria

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee for just \$6.00!



Social Ministry

by Sharon Hearn, Chair



Redeemer members are awesome! Thank you all for your strong support of our "God's Work Our Hands" service project on Sunday, September 15th. We were able to pack 10,000 tomato basil pasta meals! What a wonderful intergenerational event which was enjoyed by all.

We will be conducting our fall clothing drive benefiting St. Stephan's Grace, October 19-27.

Look for our display in the Narthex for the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive benefiting St. Stephan's Grace and the Center for Food Action.

Social Ministry's envelope collection for the month of October will benefit St. Stephan's Grace.



“Sharing Our Faith”, Our 2019 Stewardship Campaign

by Judith Schaefer, Chair

As Christians, we are stewards of what has been entrusted to us by God. I was blessed to see this unfold at our church service on Rally Day, September 22, with the blessing of school kits that the Sunday School children had put together for Lutheran World Relief. Then our Sunday School teachers and assistants were acknowledged for their volunteerism. Then we came together as a congregation to make our Rally Day Picnic a success! It is such a powerful witness to our value of faith formation when we bring together our time and talents for education, fellowship and service to the Lord.

Our stewardship campaign this year aims to inspire and promote this energy in faith formation by encouraging all to help Redeemer **“Share our Faith”**. The campaign will start with on October 6 and run through Commitment Sunday, October 28. We will have temple talks by Barbara Nemchek, Finance Chair (**Oct 6**), Laura Behrmann, Congregation Council President (**Oct 20**), and Michael Vandevander,

member, Stewardship Committee (**Oct 27**). On **Oct. 13**, we will spend time reflecting in worship on discerning our “Core Values.” **October 27** is Commitment Sunday. There will be **one church service at 10:15am**, followed by a potluck luncheon. A signup sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall. Pledge Cards will be available all month at the church services and will be mailed to all remaining members on the October 28.

On behalf of the Church Council and Stewardship committee, I invite every member to make an annual pledge as a **“first fruits” offering to God**. This is giving “up front”, based on an assessment of your annual personal or family budget. Just as the people of God are asked for a “first fruits” pledge in the Bible, so we are called to decide what we want to give, and live on the rest. In this way, we commit to a generous investment of our three T’s—our Time, Talent, and Treasure for the mission of our congregation, especially in our ministry in faith formation. And thank you for your support!

“Simply Giving” option:

Have your contribution taken out of your account electronically! Easy to set up, easy to maintain.

See Fred Ufferfilge, or call church office, for more information.



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

Why Use Scheduling Software?

Scheduling software, in our case Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP), has three main features.

1. Allows volunteers to submit availability online or through the mobile app.
 2. Accommodates volunteers with busy schedules, keeps families together and avoids double bookings.
 3. Reduces no shows with auto reminders and lets volunteers find their own subs online or through the mobile app.
- MSP saves hours of time by ditching the post-it notes, Excel spreadsheets, phone calls, and data entry for one streamlined system! Coordinating all the ministries becomes a cinch, and frustrating conflicts that cause stress and volunteer burnout will be a thing of the past. Volunteers take ownership with online access to update away dates and receive automatic email reminders.

For volunteers, online access to your schedule and preferences makes it easier than ever to stay involved at your pace. If you're going on vacation or need to change service times, just enter your dates online. When the unexpected comes up, instead of calling a long list of contacts to find a sub, you can easily submit your request from your smartphone, or fill in for someone who can't make it. And if you have family that serves, MSP makes sure you're not coming to different services on the same weekend. Now you can share your talents and keep control of your time. Need help? Call, text, or email Stephanie. She is happy to help! We are especially in need of assistant ministers and ushers. Please update your profile by October 31 as we will be posting the December -

January schedule in early November. If you are interested in serving at one of the Christmas Eve services or Christmas Day service, please email Stephanie at FaithFormation@RedeemerRamsey.org. And thank you for your service at Redeemer!



Redeemer Quilters - First and Third Tuesdays at 10am

Redeemer Quilters meet at 10am on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Come help put together quilts distributed by Lutheran World Relief.



Yarn Ministry - Wednesdays at 10:30am in Fred and Stephanie's office

For knitters and people who crochet to make prayer shawls, receiving blankets and other items for those in need.

Music Notes - Sing With Thankfulness Songs of Pure Delight

by Fran Morton

Welcome back! As usual there is lots happening in the Fall season in music at Redeemer. The choir's back and sounding good (according to some nice compliments we've received) - come sing with us and you, too, can share that encouragement!

For the last several years Redeemer music, in partnership with our fellow Ramsey churches has been moving out into the community with Inter-Faith and Ecumenical music and worship events. This year is no different.

We start the Fall music outreach season with the **Thanksgiving Inter-Faith Service** on November 24, the Sunday afternoon before Thanksgiving Day. Our choir will be singing along with the choirs of the other Ramsey churches to celebrate this most American of holidays. Next, on December 8 at 3PM Redeemer will host the Ecumenical **Advent Lessons and Carols**. Again, we'll welcome this preparation for Christmas with an ecumenical service of readings, choral and congregational singing. Then, on December 22 at 3PM our **Awaiting the Light** service, a more contemplative event of music and meditation designed for those who find the Christmas season a challenge, or, who need a respite from pre-Christmas preparations and busy-ness.



So, I'm sending two messages here -

1. Come sing with the Redeemer choir for the full experience. Just show up on Thursday evening at 7:30PM and join the fun
2. Put the dates for the three community Inter-Faith and Ecumenical services on your calendar and stay tuned for the final details coming soon!

AmazonSmile Foundation will **donate** 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Be sure to select our congregation at "Supporting" on AmazonSmile.

Faith Formation Views

by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director

This stewardship season, we are once again focusing on continuing to build financial support for our Faith Formation program. Occasionally I'm asked if we should charge a registration fee for Sunday School. After all, wouldn't this lift some of that burden? My answer is always the same: no. There are two primary reasons why I feel this way. The first has to do with the promises the *congregation* makes at a child's baptism during the baptismal service. The congregation is asked:

"People of God, do you promise to support and pray for this child in their new life in Christ?"

In promising their support, the entire congregation declares that raising a Christian is the responsibility of everyone, not just the parents or sponsors. The entire congregation uses their time, talents and treasure to support that effort by pledging and providing offering to the ministry.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

The second reason has to do with how the church chooses to think of their children and youth and their parents and the role faith formation plays in their lives. If we view families as consumers with limited time and resources and try to compete with other commitments, the church is fighting the wrong battle. If we ask families to abandon sports or the arts in favor of religious instruction, competing for time, funds, and loyalty, the church is sending the wrong message.

Just as God called the boy Samuel in the Old Testament when he was a child, God is already calling each person, child or adult, to serve their neighbor and care for God's creation. This can happen through relationships with teammates or classmates, on the field or in the studio. It is not an either / or situation: Christianity or activities. The church is called to help our children and youth, who are already members of the body of Christ, to discover their gifts and discern how God is inviting them to participate with God in God's work. And that participation does not require a registration fee.

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

My Grown-Up & Me Sunday School class

An adult/child Sunday school class is offered during Sunday school for our littlest members and an accompanying adult. If you have a child under 3, please consider bringing them to this program. You will meet other parents and your child will make his or her first Sunday school friends. It is a fun time had by all!

Raise Them Up! - November 3 at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall

We are continuing our ministry to parents of children and teens this school year beginning on November 3rd. While their children are in Sunday school, parents are invited to meet with Pastor Linderman to begin a dialogue on what it means to raise a child as a Lutheran in 2019. This is an opportunity to meet other parents as well as engage in parenting discussions. This year we will be discussing the book *Liberating Youth from Adolescence* by Jeremy Paul Myers. The book can be purchased for \$13.88 on smile.amazon.com, or just come to the discussion. We will be discussing the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book during this first of six sessions.

Activity Bags for Worship

There are colorful canvas activity bags in the Coat Room for children to use during the worship services.

Acolyte training - October 20 at 9:15am

All 5th-9th graders should attend.

Book Group - Monday, October 7 at 7:30pm

The next meeting of the book group will be on October 7 at 7:30pm in the Lounge. The book to be discussed is *That Kind of Mother* by Rumaan Alam.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10am

Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 10am in Fellowship Hall. We are reading 2 Peter.

Adult Education - Monday, October 28 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. October's session is on "History: Parchment to Pixel."

Thank You! To Lorraine and Tommy Austin for bringing all the food donations collected at ROAR! Vacation Bible School to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. A small mountain of donations was collected and delivered. THANK YOU!

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

On September 15th the students and their parents from Calvary in Allendale, Zion in Saddle River and Redeemer participated in Redeemer's food packing event as the first service project of the year. On Monday, September 30th parents and students met with Pastor Linderman and Stephanie at Calvary for Orientation.

On Sunday, October 20th, our students will be learning about Martin Luther and the Small Catechism. On Sunday, October 27th, students will be attending worship with their Faith Mentors.

Our 7th graders are preparing for Confirmation by attending a pre-confirmation class held during Sunday school time that covers the Bible from creation to Revelation. In September the class learned about Canon. In October the students will learn about The Hebrew

Bible, Genesis and Exodus.



On Saturday, October 5th the confirmation service project was planting mums at West Bergen Counseling Center. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve with the second service project of the year at West Bergen Mental Healthcare in Ramsey for students and their faith mentors.



On Friday, October 4th there was an "almost" lock-in with Calvary/Redeemer/Zion to learn about the Ten Commandments.

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

CROSS ROADS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019 "INSIDE OUT"

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. —Galatians 2:19-20

**FRI. OCTOBER 11 -
SUN. OCTOBER 13**

Cost: \$145 or \$195
(Cost depends on lodging)

Led by Laurie Matarazzo and Dale Selover

With prayer, conversation, spiritual practices, and silence in community, participants are invited to listen, to discern, and to trust the meaning of St. Paul's words. As we consider the Christ within, we will celebrate the myriad ways that we bring Christ to others, truly turning our lives of faith "inside out."

WWW.CROSSROADSRETREAT.COM/EVENT/WOMENS-RETREAT

Three of our third graders received their Good News Bibles on Sunday, October 6th during the 10:15am service. They then helped lead the congregation in reading the Psalm for the day.





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17th Sunday in Pentecost 6 Stewardship Temple Talk 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	7 7:30P Book Group	8 10:00A Quilting Ministry 7:30P Council Meeting	9 10:00A Bible Study 10:30 Yarn Ministry	10 10:00A Al-Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	11	12
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Thanks to all who stopped by to visit our booth at Ramsey Day, and to all our volunteers who helped! It was a day full of blessings!

Congratulations and all God's richest blessings to Donna and Jason on the occasion of their wedding on September 8th!



Blessings!



Some friends of Rusty Kaiser came to his new apartment for a special home blessing. God bless you in your new digs, Rusty!



HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help repair the beautiful life-sized Nativity that graces our Church lawn during the Advent and Christmas season.

Patching and painting is needed annually to keep our 20+ year old Nativity looking it's best.

This work is best completed on weekdays and can be scheduled at the convenience of those that would like to volunteer.

Please contact Lynn Huggard at 201-327-9287.

Rally Day Blessings!

Redeemer gives thanks to God for a great Rally Day! We are blessed, and want to be a blessing to others. The kids packed 60 school kits for Lutheran World Relief, and we blessed our Sunday School volunteers. Plus we had a great church picnic! Thanks to all!



Rally Day Blessings!



May God Bless You on Your Birthday

- 10/1 Bill Schaeffer
- 10/3 Wesley Wilson
- 10/4 Riley Laurretta, Bob Spreen, Jacob Wilson
- 10/5 Kevin DiGruttilla, Marian Ufferfilge
- 10/6 Taylor Gurney, Dina Smith
- 10/8 Marshall Smith, Christina Vierling
- 10/10 Ed Finn, Heather Klein, Colette Mulhall
- 10/11 Stephan Buerkle, Colin Tarzian
- 10/12 Christine Vonderhaar
- 10/13 Lexie Gunther, Philip Wittmann
- 10/14 Michael Hawkesworth, Nancy Spreen
- 10/17 Rosemarie Finn, Katie Greulich
- 10/18 Alexa DiGruttilla, Layla Gurney, Warren Rybak
- 10/19 Kailey Austin, Leigh Manke
- 10/21 Alex Dunbar, Aaron March, Karen Vozech
- 10/24 Timothy Paris, Michael Sorbara
- 10/25 Aubree Schnaars
- 10/26 Tom Murphy
- 10/27 Jennifer Massaro, Janet Tenore
- 10/28 Kathy Westcott
- 10/29 David Hanys, Miles Moshella
- 10/30 Vincent DePaola, Keith Whitaker, Michel Wouters
- 10/31 Kimberly Creegan, George Westcott



Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/3 Heather & Art Cozine
- 10/5 Mary & Ron Fuerst, Dianne & Bob Sundermann
- 10/12 Jodie & Cord Meyer
- 10/13 Margo & Sean Royle
- 10/17 Laura & Neil Chernick
- 10/22 April & Pat Pacenza, Susan & Walter Kaulfers
- 10/23 Stephanie & Mike Doyle
- 10/24 Kathleen & John Creegan
- 10/26 Rebecca & Vincent Albani, Laura and John Manza
- 10/27 Lois & Andrei Rosu
- 10/28 Linda & Jim DiGruttilla
- 10/29 Cheryl & Matt Wilson



Baptismal Anniversaries

- 10/1 Kaitlyn Fullam
- 10/4 Florian Wouters
- 10/8 Morgan Backhaus, Emma Eide, Noah Eide, Megan Kissel
- 10/9 Dianne Knichel, Nathaniel Smith, Lukas Vozech
- 10/11 Ryan Kirkby
- 10/12 Molly Miller
- 10/13 Caroline Doherty
- 10/14 Waverly Marrett
- 10/19 Meredith Cozine
- 10/21 Alexandra Gunther, Maxwell Hoerter
- 10/22 Murphy Makely, Hailey Schleicher
- 10/24 Lauren Cherven, Alexandra Farinaro
- 10/25 Margit Kristensen
- 10/26 Ashley Dendy
- 10/28 Presley Oliver
- 10/30 Katie Greulich

Redeemer Reminder Articles for the month of November are due Thursday, October, 17.

Please submit to office@redeemerramsey.org or denise.bogatch@hotmail.com.