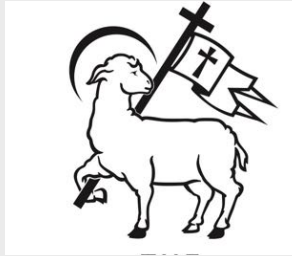


THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

We recently learned that Redeemer was awarded a generous grant that will allow me to take a sabbatical next summer, 2020. We applied two years ago to the "Clergy Renewal Grant" sponsored by the Lilly Foundation. Together with the council and Mutual Ministry committee, a group of interested members and I put together an application that was turned down. So we went back to the drawing board this last year and reapplied, and got it! I'm very grateful to the congregation for supporting this effort!

The grant is intended to allow a pastor to take a three month cessation of all pastoral duties, for the purposes of physical and spiritual renewal. It is based on the biblical idea of "sabbath" rest. The grant includes funds to cover supply pastors for the thirteen weeks that I'm away. Those pastors will share Sunday worship duties, as well as give attention to our shut-ins, and any other pastoral acts and office business. Remaining funds will go towards two spiritual retreats for myself, and an extended trip for me and my family. I will be sharing more information about our plans for next summer in the new year.

In addition to my time off for renewal, our grant includes an educational focus for the congregation as a whole, to help the congregation focus on physical and spiritual renewal for individuals and families during the sabbatical period. More information to come! In this season of Thanksgiving, thank you to the Church Council, Mutual Ministry committee, and to the congregation for your support! Yours in Christ's ministry, PL

Expand Your Knowledge!

Please join us at one of the upcoming community events. Crane's Mill and The Villa are programs of Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ. These fun and educational programs are open to all, but space is limited, so please RSVP to insure your spot.

Home Health Care: What you need to

Know: The Villa 190 Park Ave. Florham Park, NJ, Wednesday, November 6, 6pm-8pm
RSVP Stephanie at 973-993-1160 or stephanie.Howland@UnitedWayNNJ.org

Meet NBC Meteorologist Janice Huff:

Cranes Mill 459 Passaic Ave. West Caldwell, NJ, Tuesday, November 12, 2pm
RSVP to 973-240-8414
or CRANESMILL@LSMNJ.ORG,

Holiday Apartment Spotlight:

Cranes Mill Thursday, December 12, 2pm
RSVP to 973-240-8414
or CRANESMILL@LSMNJ.ORG



#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

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Ramsey Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 24, 4PM at St. John's Episcopal Church, light reception to follow; Featuring combined choirs and a Kids' "thank you" card project starting at 3:30pm

Evangelism

We know Advent can be such a busy time a year, but wanted to remind you to support Pastor Janelle and the **Global Mission in Rwanda**. Contribution envelopes will be available in the narthex in December. Your donation can be added to the collection plate. We have also ordered **Advent Calendars** from the ELCA that will be available in November. Please take one for your family. Thanks for your support!

Music Notes

by Fran Morton

Redeemer and other houses of worship in Ramsey are getting together for special services, featuring combined choirs and seasonal music:

- **Thanksgiving Ecumenical** - November 24th 4:00P at St. John's Episcopal. At this service the combined choirs will sing two anthems, one of them a well-known chorus by Haydn. Two of the soloists will be Redeemer musicians - Jen Hommez and Steve Koestner!
- **Advent Lessons and Carols** - December 8th 3:00P at Redeemer. This is the traditional lessons and carols format of alternating readings and music on Advent themes. The combined choirs will sing two anthems along with the congregational hymns.
- **Awaiting the Light** - December 22nd 3:00P at Redeemer. This is a quiet, contemplative service for those who find the Holidays a challenge or who need a respite from holiday preparation busy-ness. The music in this service is instrumental meditations and congregation hymns.

Please come to all or some of these services!

Social Ministry

by Sharon Hearn, Chair

Thank you to all who donated items to the clothing drive that benefited St. Stephan's Grace. A special thank you to Meredith Dykstra and Karin Pralle for coordinating our effort.

We will be conducting our annual

Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 27th - November 17th. Look for Thanksgiving food tags in the

Narthex for the items needed. Thank you Karin Pralle and Sharon Vogel for being our coordinators.



Thanksgiving Food Drive



Look for our annual **Giving Tree** for the upcoming Christmas season beginning November 24th. Thank

you Karen Vozeh for coordinating this wonderful ministry.

Social Ministry envelope collections for the month of November will be donated to CFA.



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.

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.

by Judith Schaefer

Last month was our "Sharing our Faith" Stewardship campaign. Thank you to all who have responded in faith! We had a full month, starting with Barbara Nemcheck Mones' Temple Talk on October 6 at both services. On October 13, Pastor Linderman devoted his sermon time to presenting our Core Values Project to the congregation. This Project was developed by the Church Council and asks the congregation to rank 7 Core Values in order of most importance to you. This discernment is part of good Stewardship, since knowing our Core Values will help us to better utilize our Talents, Time and Treasures. The **Core Values Ranking Survey** has been made available through a link that you all received in an email from the church. Please be sure to complete the survey. Laura Behrmann presented our Temple Talk on October 20 at both services. On Commitment Sunday, October 27, we had one service at 10:15 with Michael Vandevander speaking from the Stewardship Committee, followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon. Thank you to our speakers for "sharing their faith," and to our Stewardship committee for all their work.

The Stewardship committee and Church Council ask you to generously support our mission by making an annual Stewardship pledge. This pledge is a "first fruits" pledge to God, based on an assessment of our annual personal or family budget. All members should have received the annual Stewardship pledge card. If you have not received it, please contact the

church office (201)327-0148 or office@redeemerramsey.org). Please take time to complete your pledge card and return it to our Financial Secretary, Fred Ufferfilge. If you have questions, please contact Fred at finsec@redeemerramsey.org). We know that our faith in God is strong, and that our mission goals are sound. We look forward to making Stewardship more of a presence in our church's community with Winter and Spring Activities and Articles in the Redeemer Reminder. Let's "Share our Faith" with God's help!

Finance

by Fred Ufferfilge, Chair

The end of 2019 is fast approaching. Please make every effort to complete your promise (pledge) to Redeemer. We have a very consistent history of completions and would like to maintain it.

If you are an automated giver, your Financial Secretary will continue your contribution(s) unless you specify a change via the 2020 pledge card or notification to the Financial Secretary of such.

If you are interested in automated giving, check with Fred Ufferfilge or Walt Kaiser for the information necessary. We currently have about 40 members who participate in this program. You have options as what funds to contribute to as well as when to have the contribution deducted. Very easy - very convenient. It provides simplicity for you and a steady income stream for Redeemer through the year. A good example of 'first fruits'.

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

All-Ages Sunday School Class in Fellowship Hall, Sunday, November 10 from 9:15-10:05

We will have an All-Ages Sunday School class in Fellowship Hall on November 10. Parents are welcome to stay. Grandparents are welcome too. Children love to see their family members participating in their faith formation activities. Confirmation and high school aged helpers are encouraged and welcome to attend. It will be a fun time for kids and adults alike!

Attention Parents of College, University and Graduate Students

We would like to send care packages for final exams to let our young adults know we are thinking about them and praying for them. To do this, WE NEED MAILING ADDRESSES. Please send your young adult's address to Stephanie Doyle at FaithFormation@RedeemerRamsey.org.

Junior Youth Group FIRST FRIDAYS, Friday, November 1 from 6-7pm - GAMES, BIBLE STUDY & SNACKS - 3rd - 8th graders are invited to bring their bibles, friends and a snack to share!

Reminder - All 3rd - 6th grade students should bring their Good News Bibles each week to use in Sunday School



Save the Date - Vacation Bible School, August 3-7, 2020

Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. The VBS that's just the ticket! Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT Save the date! January 3-5, 2020

Come together with your peers, ages 18 to 30(ish), at Cross Roads! Learning, fellowship, worship, and nature walks await. The Young Adult retreat starts on Friday, January 3, at 7 pm and ends after lunch on Sunday, January 5. Participants stay in the Christ Center and the Beisler Center, with housing being assigned on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Cost for the weekend retreat is \$65 per person. <https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/young-adult-retreat/>

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.

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!

Activity Bags for Worship

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

Thanks to our newest Hand Bell ringers (pictured below) for joining the choir during worship, Oct. 20, 2019!

Book Group - Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30pm

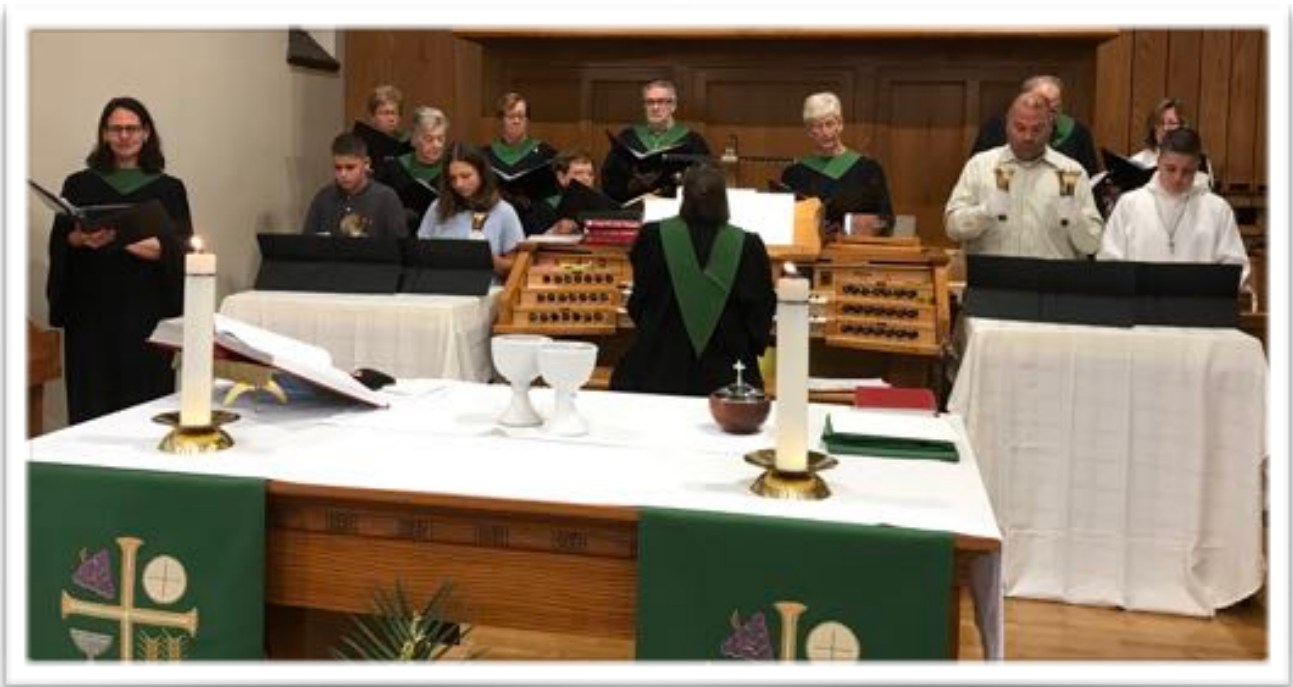
The next meeting of the book group will be on November 19 at 7:30pm in the Lounge. The book to be discussed is *The Light in the Ruins* by Chris Bohjalian.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10am

Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 10am in Fellowship Hall.

Next Adult Education - December 3

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. The third session is on "Testaments: One Story, Two Parts."



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

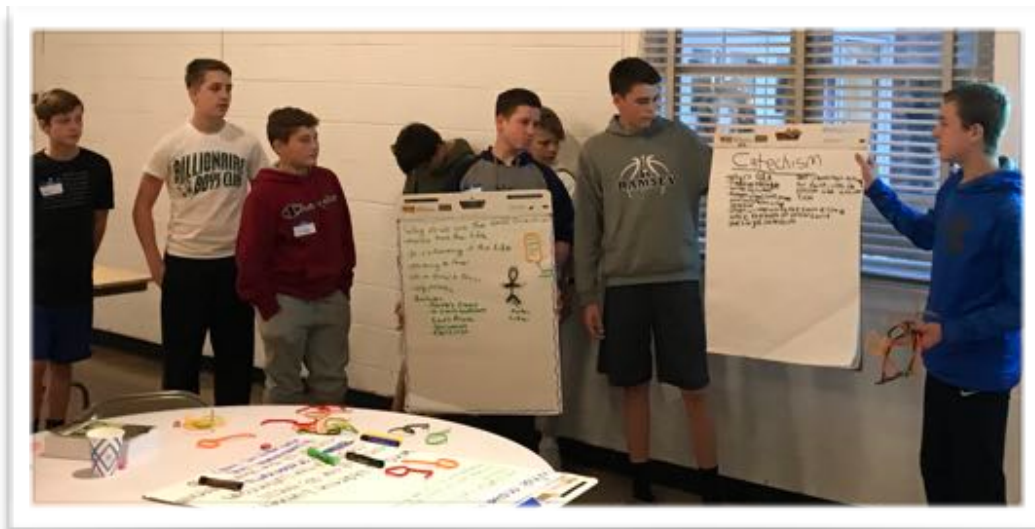
On Friday, October 4th there was an “almost” lock-in at Calvary to learn about the Ten Commandments. On Saturday, October 5th there was the second service project of the year at West Bergen Mental Healthcare in Ramsey where the confirmands planted mums. On Sunday, October 20th, our students learned about Martin Luther and the Small Catechism. On Sunday, October 27th, students attended worship with their Faith Mentors and discussed Stewardship. On **Sunday, November 3rd** the students will have a class on an Overview of the

Apostles’ Creed and Article 1. November 15th-17th the confirmands will attend the New Jersey Synod Youth Retreat in Stillwater, NJ.

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 October the students learned about The Hebrew Bible, Genesis and Exodus. In November the teens will learn about Law, Judges and Ruth.



From Calvary, Redeemer, Zion Confirmation program, Oct. 20, 2019. At the end of each class, the students present to parents what they learned.



November



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00P Jr Youth Group	2
All Saints Sunday 3 <i>Daylight Savings Ends!</i> 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School/Raise them Up! 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion/ New Member Sunday 11:15A Coffee Hour 4:30 Confirmation Gathering	4	5 10:00A Quilting Ministry	6 10:00A Bible Study 10:30 Yarn Ministry 6:00P Home Health Care Seminar	7 10:00A Al-Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	8	9
22nd Sunday in Pentecost 10 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A All Ages Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	11	12 2:00P Meet Janice Huff 7:30P Council Meeting	13 10:00A Bible Study 10:30 Yarn Ministry	14 Redeemer Reminder Deadline 10:00A Al-Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	15 NY Synod Youth Retreat	16
23rd Sunday in Pentecost 17 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour Food Drive Ends	18	19 10:00A Quilting Ministry 7:30P Book Group	20 10:00A Bible Study 10:30 Yarn Ministry	21 10:00A Al-Anon Fellowship Hall 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	22	23
Christ the King Sunday 24 8:00A Svc of Holy Communion 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour Giving Tree Begins 3:30P Kids' "thank you" card 4P Ramsey Thanksgiving Service	25 7:30P Adult Ed	26	27 10:00A Bible Study 10:30 Yarn Ministry	28	29	30

Blessings!

Happy 90th Birthday to Bill Schaeffer!
Pictured here with his wife, Joan, and Pastor Linderman.



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 annual 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.

Celebrating Partnership in Newark!

Redeemer attended "Celebrating Partnership" at St. Stephan's Grace in Newark on Oct. 13, 2019. Pictured below is the time for Prayers of Intercession during the worship service. This year, Bishop Bartholomew was there to help celebrate 25 years of ministry in the Iron Bound for Pastor Moacir Wierich and Pastor Maristela Freiberg. Also attending was Pastor Paul Haggdorn and his wife, Fern. Pastor Haggdorn had been Pastor Linderman's field work supervisor in seminary! (1st picture, next page, is Pastors Moacir and Maristela, Pastor Haggdorn, wife Fern, and Bishop Bartholomew. 2nd picture, next page, is the Redeemer contingent with Prs. Moacir and Maristela). NOTE: Given Newark's tap water lead problem, St. Stephan's has become a source for local families with children to receive free water and water safety kits. On the 13th, Redeemer delivered 11 cases of drinking water, and a check for \$500 for buying more water and lead detection kits that St. Stephan's will distribute. God is good!



Blessings!



May God Bless You on Your Birthday

- 11/1 Alice DeSantis
- 11/2 Kyle Grosse
- 11/3 Mason Papp, Margo Royle, Michael Shields
- 11/4 Amanda McPeek
- 11/7 Millie Guatelli
- 11/8 Denise Bogatch
- 11/9 Kathryn Kissel, Lauren Niederauer, Donna Norment
- 11/10 Emma Brinkmann, Sven Kahns
- 11/11 Michael Linderman, Hailey Niederauer, Jessica Peterson, Jordan Vozeh
- 11/12 Michael Crimmins, Abigail Kunz, Kevin Tarzian
- 11/13 Tina Grotheer, Shirley Vogel, Chris Wilson
- 11/15 Madison Behrmann, Jackson Berberich,
- 11/16 Joe Dunbar
- 11/19 Donna Doherty, Steven Koestner, Sydney Smith
- 11/20 Keith Bogatch, Peter Layng
- 11/21 Nicholas Daehnke-Falbo, P.J. White
- 11/22 Amanda Rosen
- 11/24 Grant Bickford
- 11/25 Lynn Huggard, Molly Martel, Art Mende, Judith Schaefer
- 11/27 Brian Behrmann, Sean Roden
- 11/28 Mary Wortmann
- 11/30 John Manke



Wedding Anniversaries

- 11/1 Johann Vento and Michael Linderman
- 11/2 Jennifer and Justin Massaro
- 11/4 Tina and Peter Eide
- 11/5 Patricia and Thomas Murphy
- 11/6 Laura and Art Mende
- 11/11 Gwen and James Pra
- 11/13 Brenda and Dick Dexter
- 11/20 Chris and Bob Huggard
Betty and Roy Johnsen
- 11/22 Leigh and Ron Manke
- 11/28 Donna and Tom Doherty
- 11/30 Meredith and Bob Dykstra



Baptismal Anniversaries

- 11/1 Kathleen Creegan, Jane Greulich,
- 11/2 Max Oliver
- 11/3 Sydney Bogatch
- 11/4 Chase Tanis
- 11/8 Michael DiGruttilla, Betty Johnsen, Julia Kissel
- 11/10 Luke Ufferfilge
- 11/12 Caeden Doyle, Ryan Hanys
- 11/13 Abigail Brinkmann, Erin Grunfelder
- 11/14 Keith Bogatch, Laura Cozine
- 11/15 Dylan Pacenza
- 11/17 Bill Schaeffer
- 11/18 Luke Pacenza
- 11/23 Paul Jost, Brayden Pitek, Ryder Pitek, Ethan Thompson
- 11/24 Emma Kunz
- 11/26 Marshall Greulich
- 11/28 Robert Spreen

Redeemer Reminder articles for the month of December are due Thursday, November, 14.

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