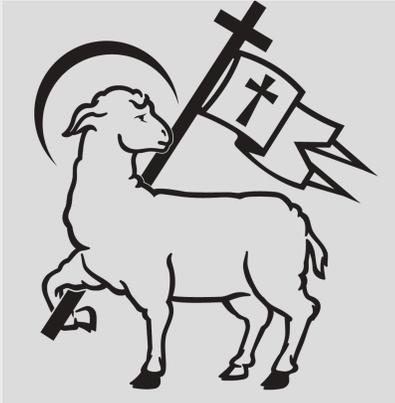


# THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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## Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

Sometimes we must wait for those things that we look forward to. I write this at the start of the second summer that I have not been able to take my sabbatical. I know, many of you who work might be smiling while saying, "cry me a river, Pastor." True, a sabbatical is a special privilege that pastors get, on average once every 7 years. As you know from my recent anniversary, I've been full-time at Redeemer for the past 10 years. And that is a good feeling, but even as I revel in our work together as pastor and congregation over those years, I have noticed my eye on next summer, and praying for the "all clear" to take that sabbatical.

But these thoughts put me in mind of the rejuvenation you might be able to secure for yourself over this summer. Some of us are very good at deliberately putting away our work-a-day life for a while. These people gladly shut the door on their office or desk space and leave without a trace. They vacation well, and don't take their work with them. Others are the always-connected type. We may intend to put our work aside, but it finds its way back into our consciousness at every other moment and we find we are working even while on the beach or casting for fish. We may look like we vacation well, but we don't get as big a recharge from the time away as the first group.

I definitely fall into the second group. So this summer, I'm trying to really engage with my time off. I'm looking forward to being mindful of the time I spend on vacation,

## Pastor's Message continued

and how I spend it. I hope to catch myself when working, and re-engage with something else, so that my mind has that break. Retirees too, we all need to let go of our worries and anxieties and focus on something else in order to recharge. If you think of it, vacationing is a lot like praying, something else we could all stand to do more of. When you pray, try to remove your thinking from its normal paths and focus your attention on God and God's presence. Step off the treadmill for those moments of solitude and focus on being fully in God's presence. Now take that practice on vacation with you and combine the two! I'm feeling rejuvenated already just thinking about it. May you all be blessed in your time off this summer.

Peace,  
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Thanks to George's Moving Co. for moving our (very) very heavy baptismal font! This will improve the view for baptisms and other worship activities.



## Quilt Sunday

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Redeemer gives thanks for the ministry and generosity of our quilting group!  
God bless these quilts and the lives of those who will receive them!



## God Bless Roy Johnsen!



A grand day for Roy Johnsen's 96th birthday June 8! Roy was a co-founder of the Ramsey Ambulance Corps, so they came by with our other First Responders to pay tribute. God bless you Roy!



## Music Notes - “. . . till a new earth fills with music rich and sweet as heaven’s own.”

Jazz in church in America has been around in combination with gospel since before 1900. African American musicians often went from playing in halls and clubs on Friday and Saturday to playing, singing and accompanying choirs in jazz style in their churches on Sunday morning. This practice - and its reverse, playing jazz settings of hymns in halls and clubs - didn't sit well with church Fathers. In a 1929 UK convention of Anglican organists, a keynote address titled "Some Problems of Modern Music" contained the statement, "Jazz barbarians were permitted to debase our music." (The reference was to Louis Armstrong, who played hymns, spirituals and gospel tunes in his performances.)

Jazz music composed specifically for a church service came later and started on a particular date and occasion. Ed Summerlin (1928-2006) was an accomplished tenor sax player. After getting his Masters in Jazz Composition from Eastman School of Music, he attended North Texas State College to work on his PhD. While there he and his wife lost their 9 month old daughter to a heart defect. Summerlin's pastor, during grief counseling, suggested Ed write a composition for a church service. The service conducted in May 1959 at Perkins Chapel at SMU introduced Summerlin's "Requiem for Mary Jo." The event gained nation-wide press coverage and a featured spot on a TV program hosted by legendary journalist Chet Huntley. By the early 1960's Ed's fellow jazz composers Mary Lou Williams and John Coltrane both experienced religious epiphanies that led them to write music specifically for church. Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert followed a few years later.

After this, churches began to include special jazz services and/or provide opportunities for jazz players to perform on Sundays. One of the most famous, and long-standing partnerships with jazz music and musicians, is at the Lutheran Church of St. Peter in Manhattan. In 1965, Pastor John Garcia Gensel of St. Peter's conducted the first jazz vespers service. It has become a fixture and still continues - every Sunday evening 5:00 - 6:00P on Facebook or YouTube for the moment. Keep a watch on their website <https://www.saintpeters.org/> to see how to view, and, when they plan to resume in-person services.

In an NY Times interview at the 12 year anniversary of the jazz vespers Pastor Gensel offered this description of the order of worship, "At first, the services were close to the Lutheran liturgy and I wore my vestments. But that proved to be too formal. So we winged it, although we've retained the essential elements of worship - Scriptures, prayer and meditation, which could include a dialogue of musicians."

At Redeemer, we have connections to both jazz in church and jazz at Peter's. Pastor Linderman tells me some years ago while in seminary he attended (and enjoyed) one of Pastor Gensel's all night jazz sessions at St. Peter's.

Our own Ed Stengel is a long-time professional jazzman who can be persuaded to share with us from time-to-time as he did on Fathers Day Sunday this year.

*NOTE: the article title comes from verse 3 of ACS 1099, (the new music supplement to ELW).*

## Young Adult and Youth News

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by Stephanie Doyle, Faith Formation Director

### Youth Gathering

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, scheduled for July 21-24, 2022. Learn more at <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>  
The Youth Gathering is seeking volunteers!!!

If you would like to meet 30,000 ELCA Youth from all over the country, are free July 22 - 28, 2022, and are 1 year out of high school, you can apply to be a member of the Gathering Volunteer Corp.

The Gathering Volunteer Corps serves in multiple capacities throughout the Gathering. Duties might include ushering and assisting during mass gatherings, helping with Interactive Learning activities, directing foot traffic in the convention center, staffing the info booth, or moving equipment in a Gathering facility. GVCs serve wherever Gathering planning teams have identified the need for additional help!

Eligibility: GVCs must be 19 years old or have been out of high school for one year by the time of the Gathering and be able to commit to being in Minneapolis for one week, Friday, July 22 - Thursday, July 28, 2022. The Gathering will provide GVC volunteers:

- Per diem or catered meals while onsite in Minneapolis
- Shared lodging accommodations
- Mileage reimbursement or airfare travel to and from the Gathering

Applications for Gathering Volunteer Corps are accepted online from May 22 - July 22, 2021 at: <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/Attend/Volunteer>



## Christian Education News

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

### Sunday School Schedule for July

#### July 4

10:30am Toddler - 2nd Grade on Zoom  
 11am 3rd - 6th Grade on Zoom  
 11:30am 7th Grade Pre-Confirmation on Zoom

#### July 11, 18, 25

10:30am Toddler - 2nd Grade on Zoom  
 11am 3rd - 6th Grade on Zoom



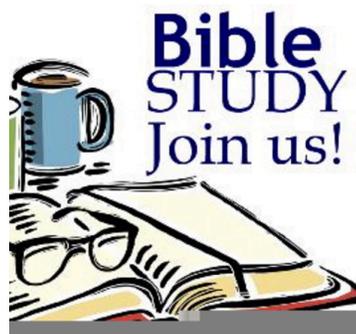
**Reminder - All 3rd - 6th grade students should bring their Good News Bibles each week to use in Sunday School on Zoom.**

In the fall Sunday School will return to in-person. If you are interested in being a Sunday School volunteer as a teacher or superintendent, please email Stephanie at [FaithFormation@RedeemerRamsey.org](mailto:FaithFormation@RedeemerRamsey.org). Commitment is 1 Sunday every 3 weeks from 9:15am - 10:05am. Easy to use curriculum with minimal preparation is provided. We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- My Grown-up & Me leader
- 1st / 2nd teacher
- 3rd / 4th teacher
- Superintendents

### NO Bible Study for July and August!

Have a great summer!



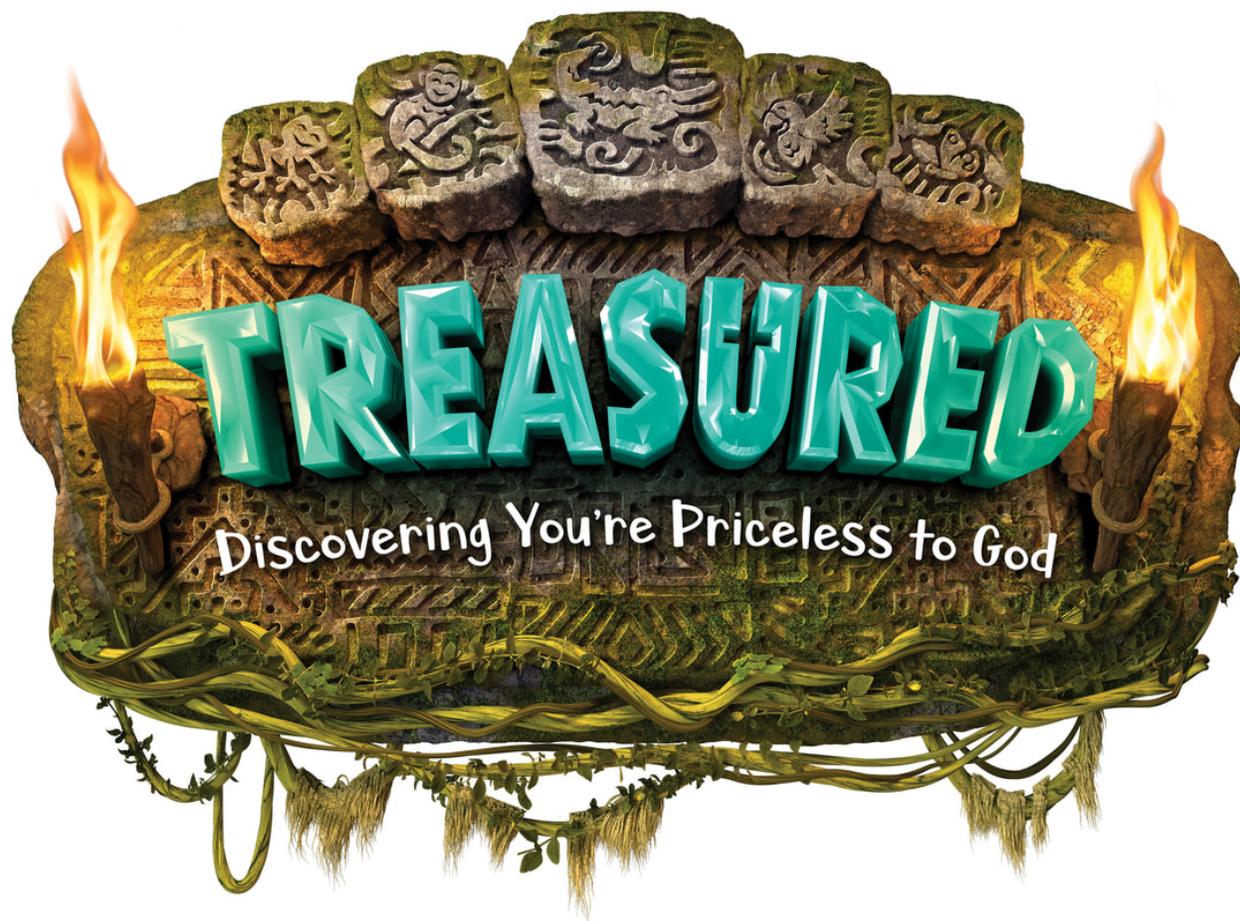
### Confirmation News

On May 2nd, Pastor Linderman taught a class about Stewardship and on May 16th Stephanie Doyle taught a class about Vocation. Also on May 16th, the 2nd year confirmands along with their parents and faith mentors had a Zoom session to finish up the program. Affirmation of Baptism was held on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.

Our 7th graders are preparing for Confirmation by attending a pre-confirmation class held Sunday mornings that covers the Bible from creation to Revelation. In May they learned about the Gospel of John, Acts, Paul and the Early Church, Paul's Theology, and Romans. In June they will learn about 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Letters, and Revelation.

## 2021 Redeemer Vacation Bible School

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### 2021 Redeemer Vacation Bible School

Monday, August 2 - Friday, August 6 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

TREASURED - Discovering You're Priceless to God - is a morning Vacation Bible School (VBS) program for children, age 4 (by October 1, 2021) to grade 5. Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. At Treasured VBS, kids dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures. They'll discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold-it's them!

We need adult volunteers to be Crew Leaders, Bible Adventures Station Leader all week and Music Leader for the Opening and Closing on Monday & Tuesday.

Middle and High School students are welcome and encouraged to volunteer!!!

To register a child or a teen volunteer, go to: <https://>

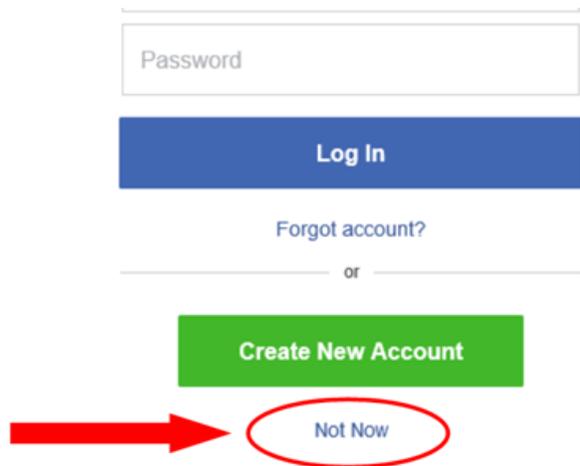
## Watch on Facebook...WITHOUT Facebook!

Because of the Covid19 situation, we are live streaming our worship services to you! Our Sunday and Holy Week Worship Livestream will be on Facebook, but you can watch **even if you do not have a Facebook account!**

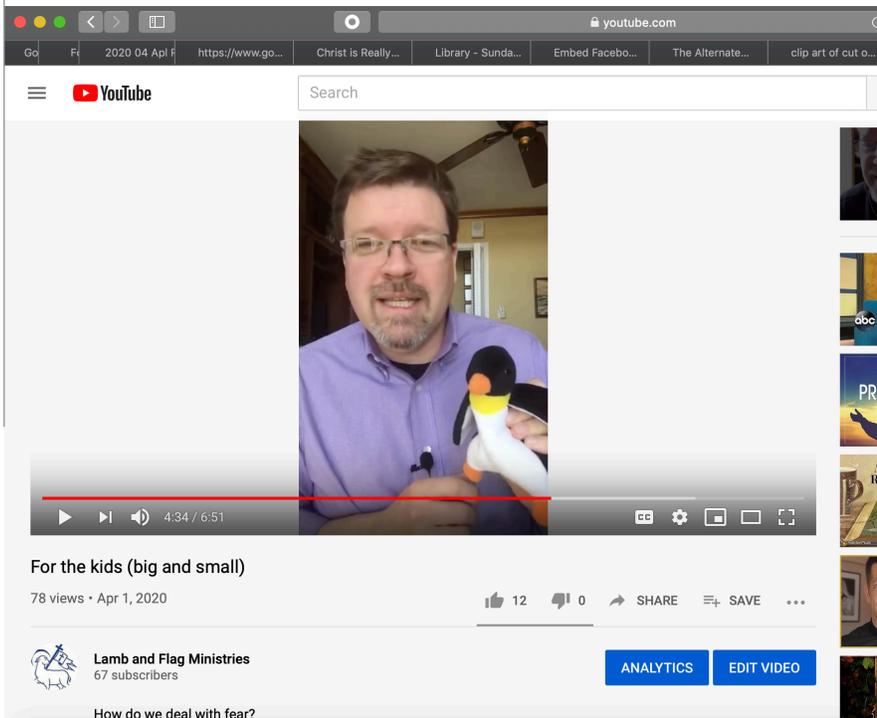
Here is a link to Redeemer's page. Type this into your browser address bar: <https://www.facebook.com/redeemerramsey/>

Within a few seconds of opening the page, you will see the Facebook Login screen: Click on "Not Now" (see image to the right).

This allows you to view the video of the worship service without needing a Facebook account. So please join us!



## Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!



Check out our YouTube Channel: **"Lamb and Flag Ministries"**!

Just put the title of our channel into a Google search bar, or go to YouTube and enter the title in the Search bar.

You will find weekly video messages by Pastor Linderman and recordings of our past worship services on our channel.

Don't forget to subscribe to the channel by clicking the "Subscribe" button!

## Support Redeemer, Give Online

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by Judith Schaefer, Stewardship Committee

We're excited to share that we've launched online giving at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer through "Tithe.ly", a safe and secure giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts! You can get started by using one of the following options:

### **OPTION A.** The Tithe.ly Giving App:

Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](#) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](#) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app select your church and follow the same steps as above.

- Since this is your first time giving with [Tithe.ly](#) you will be prompted to create an account that you can use for all future gifts.
- The first time you will also need to add your credit/debit card or ACH/banking info.
- Once your account has been created you won't need to enter your personal or payment information. Just enter your PIN and give!
- A reminder you have the ability to set up your gift as recurring.

### **OPTION B.** Redeemer Website Giving:

Go to [www.RedemerRamsey.org](http://www.RedemerRamsey.org) and go to the "Give" menu to give through the church website. It's a safe and easy way to give any time.

### **OPTION C.** The Tithe.ly Website

Set up giving on the Tithe.ly website to give any time using your computer's internet connection. All transactions are safe and secure. Go to Tithe.ly to sign up at [get.tithe.ly](http://get.tithe.ly).

- When the Tithe.ly screen opens, click on SIGN UP FREE >
- Then select GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH
- Then select the GIVE ONLINE button
- Click the Create Account button and complete the information requested You need to this only the first time. You will just need to sign in after completing this screen.
- Follow the screen instructions to make your contribution.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me back and we'd be happy to assist you further! Go to the Tithe.ly website for articles that you may find useful.

Thank you for your generosity and partnering with us to carry out Christ's mission in these difficult and challenging times.

See you on Sunday (online)! - Judith



*May God Bless You on Your Birthday*

- 7/1 Gerhart Lempp
- 7/4 Matthew Thompson
- 7/7 Tony Conboy
- 7/8 Mike Vandevander
- 7/9 Jax Covello
- 7/10 Kirsten Miller, Chase Tannis
- 7/11 Justin Royle
- 7/13 Robert Buettner
- 7/15 Eden Hudson, John Schaffer, Catie Vernola
- 7/16 Chuck Turner
- 7/17 Kylie Gunther, Emma Kunz
- 7/19 Greg Wilson
- 7/20 Walter Kaulfers
- 7/21 Lee March, Matthew Pra
- 7/23 Ashley Dendy
- 7/24 Alexa Cherven, Ashley Gunther, Waverly Marrett, Melissa Oliver
- 7/25 Ronald Fuerst, Cheryl Kissel, Everett Malestein
- 7/26 Rusty Kaiser, TJ Bradley
- 7/27 Sharon Vogel
- 7/30 Tracey Farinaro, Greg Vozeh
- 7/31 Dot Dykstra



**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 7/17 Rosa and Gus Hess
- 7/22 Dianne and Tom Knichel
- 7/23 Arlene and Warren Rybak



**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 7/1 Joey Stauss
- 7/3 Fred Ufferfilge
- 7/6 Lily Huggard
- 7/7 Ashley Pacenza
- 7/10 Kurt Grotheer
- 7/13 Ashley Knichel, Charles Manke, Chad Thompson
- 7/15 Jakob Oliver
- 7/17 Conner Layng
- 7/21 Gwen Kaulfers
- 7/23 Payton Nista
- 7/25 Aiden Bogatch
- 7/26 Chase Cusack, Jackson Koch
- 7/28 Emma Roden, Justin Royle, Madison Royle
- 7/30 Matthew Wilson

Redeemer Reminder articles for the month of August are due Thursday, July 22nd.

Please submit to [office@redeemerramsey.org](mailto:office@redeemerramsey.org) or [denise.bogatch@hotmail.com](mailto:denise.bogatch@hotmail.com).