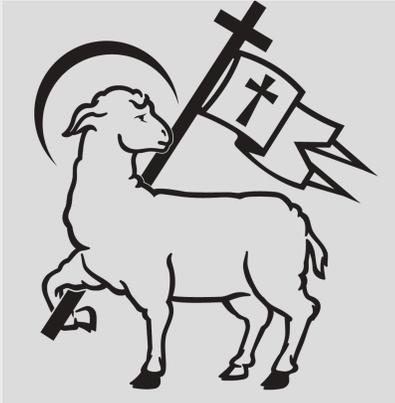


# THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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## Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

One year ago this issue, I was writing to you, dear members and friends of Redeemer, about what our Fall programming would look like, given the challenge of the Covid19 pandemic. We girded our loins and prepared for a mostly online church experience, at least for September, 2020. We invested in live-streaming technology and put our worship services online. We invested in Zoom Professional suite and did all our meetings and Sunday school, Confirmation and Adult Ed classes online.

As we watched and followed the advice of local, state and national governments, we gradually opened our worship to in-person attendance. We have been hoping that we would be returning to a "new normal" this fall. And, well, my fingers are still crossed. At the moment, we are holding steady with our worship practices (50 max attendance, distanced seating, masks, etc.). We are hoping the new variants of the virus will not complicate our plans for the fall, but these things are not in our hands.

So we are reminded, yet again, of how much about life we don't control. We truly are part of the world that God has created. We can't simply remove our lives or separate our selves from the world and live by our own rules. We do know, however, that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as wisdom, understanding, and fortitude. Let us call on these and other gifts of the holy spirit as we move forward this Fall. Blessings to you all. +PL

## Council News

by Barbara Nemchek Mones

It's hard to believe that summer is half over already. As usual, we are busy with Vacation Bible School, and are looking forward to regular in-person Sunday School starting September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will also have a booth at Ramsey Day on September 11<sup>th</sup>, so come out and say hello that day! This is all possible because of Redeemer's strong tradition of active volunteers who live out their faith in practice; thank you all! Thank you, also, to our Christian Education Committee Chair, Heather Layng, the rest of the council, and all our volunteers for making these events such a success.

The Church Council, with support from the Mutual Ministry Committee, continue to work on the two motions passed by the Congregation in January. We have reviewed all staff job descriptions and responsibilities to ensure that they align with the Council's expectations. Mutual Ministry has met with the staff members to clarify and evaluate their individual roles and responsibilities. These meetings resulted in some great dialogue and suggestions that the Council will discuss at our next meeting. The Council's next task is to review the compensation packages offered by other comparably sized churches in the area for the positions of Office Manager, Director of Music, and Faith Formation Director. This is a large task, and the Church Council appreciates the Congregation's patience as we follow through on the requests made in January.

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. If, as a congregation member, you are interested in attending, please contact me at 201-458-3666 or at [banemchek@msn.com](mailto:banemchek@msn.com).

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

## Christian Ed News

by Heather Layng, Christian Education Chairperson

### Sunday School News

At present, we are planning for in-person Sunday School starting **Sept 26**. Rally Day will be **Sept 19**, with Volunteers and Backpacks Blessings. To volunteer as a teacher or helper, please email Heather Layng at [hramseynj@yahoo.com](mailto:hramseynj@yahoo.com). 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

### Confirmation News

Confirmation classes will begin on **October 3** with our Kickoff at 4:30pm. We welcome our incoming 8th graders and returning 9th graders, and look forward to a rewarding year learning about what it means to be a "Lutheran" Christian in today's world.



## Evangelism News

by Carol Dunbar

### Ramsey Day - September 11, 2021

We are looking forward to participating once again in the Ramsey Day Celebration. Redeemer will have a booth at Ramsey Day festivities in front of Ramsey High School. We will be having activities for children with a fishing game and coloring activities. We are looking for volunteers to help out at the booth throughout the day. We will be sending out a sign up sheet on SignUp Genius, or you can send me an email if you are able to help out. We're looking for volunteers for half-hour or hour long shifts, from 9 AM through 5:30 PM. Let me know if you are interested.

Thanks! ([cdunbar4@gmail.com](mailto:cdunbar4@gmail.com))

## ELCA Youth Gathering News

by Heather Layng, Christian Education Chairperson

### ELCA National 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>.

We are hoping to send some of our youth and a few adult chaperones. This is an exciting opportunity to meet Lutheran youth from around the nation. Check it out!



## Music Notes - ...because Thy promise I believe....

by Fran Morton, Music Director

I've written about this particular hymn before, but considering the year plus some that we've all just been through of quarantining, health anxieties and social challenges, it's worth re-visiting. The hymn is ELW 592 - Just As I Am, without One Plea. The poet was Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). The tune(s) are an interesting story by themselves, but we'll get to that. Charlotte Elliott was born into an evangelical Anglican family. Her grandfather was a renowned preacher. She started life as a portrait artist and popular writer of humorous verse. In her early 30's her health began to fail rapidly leaving her a largely bed-ridden invalid. As a result she was often depressed and despondent. Two events changed her life dramatically for the better. One was her "spiritual birthday" in 1822, the outcome of a visit from Dr. Caesar Malan, noted Swiss evangelist. In counseling Charlotte Dr. Malan impressed upon her that, "You must come just as you are, a sinner, to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." The second occurred in 1836 after she had gone to live with her brother, Rev. Henry Venn Elliott. Rev. Elliott was launching a fund-raising campaign to build a school for the children of poor clergymen, and Charlotte was left at home feeling depressed and useless. She wrote Just As I Am out of those feelings. The rest is history. That one hymn raised more funds than any other effort. And her brother later said, "In the course of a long ministry, I hope to have been permitted to see some

fruit of my labors; but I feel more has been done by a single hymn of my sister's." This one hymn started Charlotte's second career as an editor of hymnals and writer of 150 hymns. Of all of her hymns, Just As I Am struck a chord with many. At her death more than 1000 testimonial letters were found in her papers detailing the importance of this hymn to the writers' lives. Charlotte's health never improved notably; but during her long life, she had a very useful and noteworthy career. One writer noted, "she is generally regarded as one of the finest of all English women hymnwriters."

Charlotte's poem has been used with at least four different tunes - none of them originally composed for those words. We have two of them in the ELW. ELW 592 uses Woodworth by William B. Bradbury (1816-1868), the well-known composer of the American revival. The second tune, ELW 714, by British composer and choral conductor Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) is named Just As I Am. Interestingly, neither tune as originally written allowed for the repetition of "I come" at the end of the refrain text. Some years after Bradbury wrote Woodworth, another composer edited it to make it work with Elliott's refrain. Barnby's tune has not been revised and so accommodates only one "I come".

Note: The title, at the top of the page, is the last phrase of verse 3 of Just As I Am, without One Plea.

## 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



# AUGUST

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
10th Sunday in Pentecost                    1 9:15A Summer Worship Service 10:15A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour	2 Vacation Bible School	3 VBS	4 VBS	5 VBS	6 VBS	7
11th Sunday in Pentecost                    8 9:15A Summer Worship Service 10:15A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour	9	10  7:30p Council meeting	11	12	13	14
12th Sunday in Pentecost                    15 9:15A Summer Worship Service 10:15A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour	16	17	18	19  RR Articles Due	20	21
13th Sunday in Pentecost                    22 9:15A Summer Worship Service 10:15A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour	23	24	25	26	27	28
14th Sunday in Pentecost                    29 9:15A Summer Worship Service 10:15A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour	30	31				

**\*\*Virtual Worship Services are Live on Facebook @ The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Ramsey, NJ. and on YouTube Channel "Lamb and Flaq Ministries"**

Join us for a virtual Fellowship / Coffee Hour every Sunday following 9:15am Worship.

To join this Zoom Meeting, go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/345715195?pwd=NVFrbTZTUU96SWRnbUgvRWZEM2tUZz09>

Meeting ID: 345 715 195, Password: 147185

## With Thanks

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July 20, 2021

Dear Redeemer Friends,

Suzanne and I wish to thank you for your wonderful "godspeed and farewell" to us on June 20th. The framed gift of the rear stained-glass window now resides in a prominent place in our home on Cape Cod and is a fond reminder of Redeemer in Ramsey.

While our time at Redeemer was relatively brief, we are immeasurably grateful for experiencing the love and ministry of Pastor Linderman and the congregation. Redeemer is, in our opinion, a unique congregation whose mission is vibrant and alive. It is a place where the who people of God claim, with much faithful ness and enthusiasm, to be living instruments of the love of God as we receive it through Christ our Lord. And Suzanne and I are ever so appreciative in being able to have shared in the life of the congregation.

Suzanne and I wish you all of God's blessings. May God, through Christ, enrich your life as the body of Christ as you continue to enrich the lives of so many in the wider community.

In Christ's Name,  
The Rev. Bruce W. Bassett, Jr.

*May God Bless You on Your Birthday*

- 8/2 Mitchell Hildebrand
- 8/3 Mia White
- 8/4 Cole Bickford, MJ Lee
- 8/6 Stacey Royle
- 8/7 Lauren Tarzian
- 8/8 Gloria Ahlers-Marsh, Dana White
- 8/9 Ashton Koch
- 8/10 Peter Manke
- 8/11 Lucas Slader
- 8/12 Kathleen Creegan
- 8/14 Lauren Cherven, Cory Klein, Dylan Pacenza
- 8/15 Kurt Pralle
- 8/16 Emma Eide, Theodore Schultz, Kylie Song, Brian Sundermann
- 8/18 Oliver Finlayson
- 8/19 Joan Piercy
- 8/21 Audrey Hommez
- 8/23 Laura Cozine, John Manke
- 8/24 Ali Farinaro, Kaitlyn Fullam
- 8/26 Michelle Austin, Linda DiGruttilla
- 8/27 Jake Royle
- 8/30 Joyce Backhaus, Rosa Hess
- 8/31 Ray Cusack, Joey Stauss



**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 8/1 Dina and Stewart Smith
- 8/3 Sheryl and James Van Duzer
- 8/6 Michelle and Tom Austin
- 8/7 Courtney and Michael Falbo
- 8/16 Lauren and Peter Manke
- 8/17 Roseann and Larry Thompson
- 8/21 Janet and William Brazel



**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 8/1 Jeannie Sarreshtedari
- 8/5 Claire Bradley
- 8/6 Mason Papp
- 8/10 Jordan Karch
- 8/11 Alana Pra, Lorelei Thompson
- 8/16 Layla Gurney, Roy Johnsen
- 8/18 Robert Buettner
- 8/19 Melissa Karch
- 8/21 Aiden Daehnke-Falbo  
Jocelyn Ufferfilge
- 8/27 Richard Kunz
- 8/30 Colt Papp

Redeemer Reminder articles for the month of September are due Thursday, Aug 19th.

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