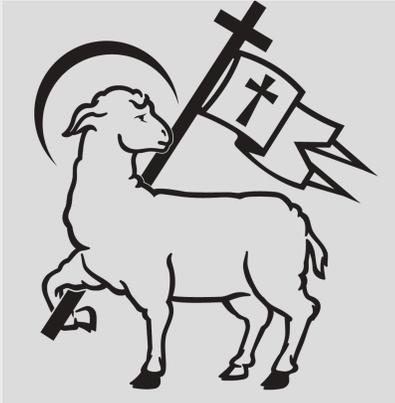


# THE REDEEMER REMINDER

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## Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6-7)*

September is here, but things are not back to normal like we had hoped. Amid the chaos of our world, and with the pandemic, Afghanistan, and natural disasters all around, we try to return to our program year with hope and anticipation. But we can't shake the anxiety. The pandemic is still a major problem in our lives and in our society, and we cannot move forward in the way we thought. The biggest thing weighing on us is the energy it takes to remain vigilant, even if vaccinated. Work is trying to change back to pre-pandemic practices. School is proceeding in-person, but with masks. And at Redeemer, we are holding our course, with limited in-person worship and wearing masks indoors.

Nevertheless, we enter the fall season full of hope and faith. Blessing of the backpacks is on Sept 12, at our 9:15am worship service. We will celebrate Rally Day on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> with an outdoor worship service at 10:15am, and a brown bag picnic, with entertainment to follow. (Bring your lawn chair!) Then we begin in-person Sunday School on Sept 26, and in-person Confirmation on October 3. See inside this newsletter for more information. We are asking all students and volunteers to wear masks when inside the buildings.

Also, in the hopes of creating a congregation-wide experience this fall, we are offering a devotional study experience. The resource is a booklet called "Freedom: Finding Peace in Anxious Times." See inside for more details!

May we find peace amid the anxieties we all face and find that God's grace in Jesus Christ carries us through this challenging time. Yours in Christ's service, PL

## Special 9/11 Reflection

by Pastor Linderman

This month, we observe the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Twenty years have passed quickly, but no one can underestimate the ways in which our country and the world have changed since those attacks. Our country's response was to go to war in Afghanistan. Now, 20 years later, we have officially ended that war.

Altogether, the toll has been very high. Members of Redeemer lost loved ones in NYC on 9/11: John Vandevander, banker, brother of Mike Vandevander, and Dana Rey Hannon, firefighter, brother of Kyle (Hannon) Bickford. Members of our congregation have served in both Afghanistan and Iraq. Almost to the last day, Americans continued to pay the ultimate sacrifice in that war. And that is to say nothing of the thousands of lives lost among the people of those other countries. When we remember, we remember all who have lost something that was deeply cherished.

As Americans, we desire to support our military and first responders, who have served with honor. We are proud of them and give thanks for their honorable service.

As Christians, we hold onto the promises of scripture, that one day, "...people shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4)

So when we remember all who have died or been damaged by terrorism and war, we hold these two things together, gratitude to those who serve, and the biblical promise of peace for all. We call on God to heal our wounded hearts and calm our fevered brows. May God's peace surround us and suffuse the whole world with hope, that we might taste the fulfillment of God's promises in our own time. Amen.



**PATRIOT DAY**  
*in honor and remembrance*

**9.11**

**WE WILL NEVER FORGET**

## Youth News

by Heather Layng

### ELCA Youth Gathering July 24-28, 2022, Minneapolis, MN.

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Redeemer is planning to send a contingent, in concert with other local Lutheran congregations. A letter will go out to all Redeemer families with eligible youth later this month. Please prayerfully consider this amazing opportunity for your youth!



Redeemer's ELCA Youth Gathering Group in Detroit, July 15-19, 2015.

## Ramsey Day Volunteers Needed

by Carol Dunbar

**Ramsey Day** is coming up on Sept 11 (Rain date Sept 12). We need volunteers to hang out at our booth, meet old and new friends, and invite children to simple games for a free prize. Volunteer for 1 or 2 hours. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44adae28a0fd0-redeemer1> to volunteer! For more information, contact Carol Dunbar at [cdunbar4@gmail.com](mailto:cdunbar4@gmail.com).



### Volunteer to assist in our worship services!

It's easy, and a rewarding service to God's people! We are looking for volunteers to sign up to be Assisting Ministers, Altar Guild volunteers, and Ushers. Please see our signup page here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44adae28a0fd0-worship>

## Bishop's Challenge 2021-22

by Sharon Vogel, Social Ministry Chair



### THE JEHU JONES MISSION 2021-2022

The summer of 2020 was a unique moment in our country for race relations. This year, Bishop Tracie Bartholomew invites NJ Synod churches to join her in a year of listening and learning about the history of racism in the church and our society. Named after the Rev. Jehu Jones Jr., the first Black Lutheran Pastor in the US (ordained 1832), the Jehu Jones Mission provides churches with a year of activities that invite us to listen, learn and then act in faith and love. Our congregation is invited to participate, and we will be learning about the initiative over the next 10 months. The Challenge ends next Spring. More information to come in the next Reminder, and at <https://www.njsynod.org/bishopschallenge>

## Redeemer Quilting Group

by Karin Pralle

### Greetings from Redeemer Quilting Group!

Fall is here and we are starting up again. 12 quilt tops are ready to be assembled! We will work in two groups as last year, but on alternating weekly schedules.

**Group 1** will work on the first and the third Monday in the month starting at 1:30pm; Joyce Backhaus, Karin Pralle, Rose Lempp, and Rosa Hess.

**Group 2** will work on the second and fourth Monday starting at 1:30pm; Elly Gager, Carol Wolters, and Meredith Dykstra.

We welcome you all back. Please bring a friend or acquaintance. We are all vaccinated and will wear masks for the time being. We plan to start with the first Monday in October, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you all as we work towards our newly extended goal: 600 completed quilts!!!



## Music Notes

by Fran Morton, Music Director

### Come, Ring Out Your Joy!

If you were either in church or watching on-line Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>, you heard our handbells helping me accompany the Communion hymn. It really added a nice touch to the hymn singing. Since a number of people have told me they'd like to try handbells, or follow-up on their past successes in ringing for us, I'd like to start using our handbells as often as we can recruit the necessary number of people to play. Let me know - we'd love to welcome you to ringing -- no need to read music, no complex technique to learn and practice. The next opportunity to play will be on Rally Day. I'm finalizing the ringing we'll do right now.

So, Fran, you might say, getting a bunch of people together to play some really fancy, purpose-built little bells doesn't seem like it just naturally belongs in church. Where did all this come from? Well, the handbells that we use today were invented and first made around 1700 in England so as not to annoy the neighbors. At that time the real serious bell-ringing went on in church towers using bells weighing a few tons each and that made a lot of noise. By the 1700's that kind of bell-ringing was a fine art, and the people who did it took great pride in their accomplishments. This means they wanted to practice a lot, and that means the neighbors frequently had to listen to hours and hours of very loud bell-ringing from

their parish church. Robert and William Cor had a solution to the problem. They designed and made handbells. I can picture the marketing messages now - "happier neighbors, fewer noise complaints"; "no need to practice in a freezing bell tower." "The back room of the pub or the parish hall are much more comfortable." "No climbing several stories of stone steps to get to practice."

As practice instruments for tower bell-ringing you only needed a maximum of 12 bells, but once invented others got the idea of making full chromatic sets, playing tunes and harmonies and making handbells performance instruments in their own right. From there, it only took migrating the tradition across the Atlantic and getting an advocate to introduce the concept. And here we are a century or so later with Redeemer's set of handbells and a plan to use them often. Come ring with us!



## Christian Education News

### Sunday School Fall 2021

Redeemer's Sunday School will be in-person this fall! Children, teachers, and volunteers will be expected to wear masks. Please register your child for our fall 2021 Sunday School by going to the Faith Formation drop-down menu on our website, [redeemerramsey.org](http://redeemerramsey.org).

Sept 12 - Blessing of Backpacks

Sept 19 - Rally Day: Blessing of Sunday School volunteers

Sept 26 - First day of in-person Sunday School

### Rally Day Picnic Sept 19, 2021

Join us for Outdoor Worship at 10:15am. Bring your lawn chair, and a sandwich. We'll provide the drinks, snacks and dessert! We will have a guest magician, **Mr. Magico**, to entertain the youth and young at heart! Magic show ends at 12:45pm.

### Congregation-wide Study

Reading "Freedom: Finding Peace in Anxious Times," by Marjorie Thompson. In our anxious times, what does it mean to trust God? What does it mean to be free? What does it mean to have faith? This fall, Pastor Linderman invites you to follow along in the resource book that you will be sent this month. In its 5 chapters over 32 pages, you will find common devotional readings for the weeks of October and November. Pastor Linderman will share weekly video comments for reflection on our "Lamb and Flag Ministries" YouTube channel. You can engage with the reading in different ways, all up to you. Look for an explanatory letter and booklet in the mail this month!



### Bible Study Fall 2021

**Wednesdays at 10am** in the Education building lounge and on Zoom.



### Confirmation Fall 2021 News

Our confirmation program resumes in-person this fall. Entering 8<sup>th</sup> graders join our ninth graders for classes, service events and mentor meetings.

Sep 26 - Kickoff 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall.  
Class also on Oct. 3, and 17th

## Vacation Bible School

### Treasured! Discovering You Are Priceless To God.

A super big thank you to all our VBS families, Volunteers, and supporters. We had a great week! God is good!



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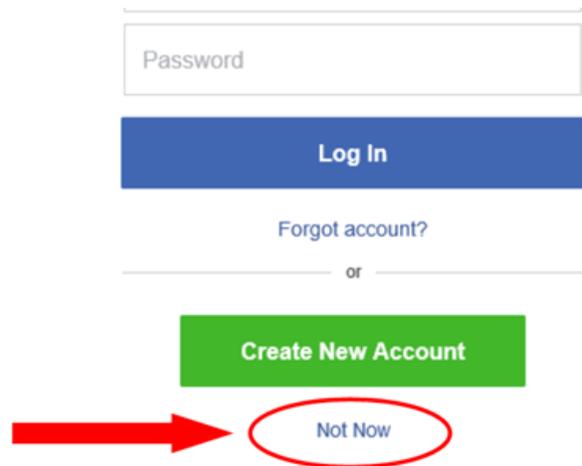
## Watch on Facebook...WITHOUT Facebook!

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!**

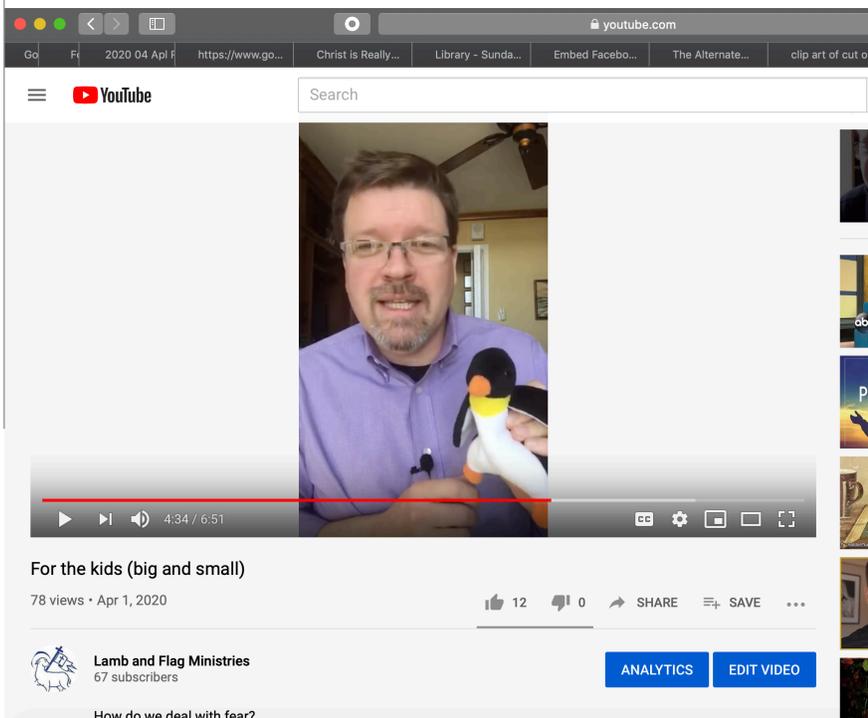
Here is a link to Redeemer's page. Type this into your browser address bar: <https://www.facebook.com/redeemerramsey/>

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

# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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15th Sunday after Pentecost 5 9:15A Worship Service, in-person + online 10:30A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11 Ramsey Day
16th Sunday after Pentecost 12 9:15A Worship Service, in-person + online Baptism/Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour	13	14 Council 7:30P	15	16	17	18
17th Sunday after Pentecost 19 Rally Day 10:15A Worship service OUTDOORS 11:15A Church Picnic/Magic Show	20	21	22	23 RR Articles Due	24	24
18th Sunday after Pentecost 26 10:15A Worship Service, in-person + online 11:30A Zoom Fellowship / Coffee Hour  Confirmation Kick-Off 4:30pm Fell. Hall	27	28	29	30		

**\*\*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

*May God Bless You on Your Birthday*

- 9/3 Conner Behrmann, Erin Grunfelder
- 9/4 William Cunningham, Carol Johnsen
- 9/7 Luke Pacenza
- 9/8 Paul Jost
- 9/9 Vivian Manke, Teddi McCabe
- 9/10 Lizzie Niederauer
- 9/11 Susan Kaulfers
- 9/12 Daniel Harvey, Steven Sacher
- 9/13 Ashley Chudyk, Connor Martel
- 9/14 Alexandra Certosimo, William Tanis
- 9/15 J. Justin Massaro, Jake McCabe, Karin Pralle
- 9/16 Mike Doyle, Elisabeth Gustowarow
- 9/17 Christian Doherty
- 9/18 Inge Kahns, Brooks Makely
- 9/19 Adrianna Nagel
- 9/20 Molly Paris
- 9/21 Margit Kristensen, Laura Mende
- 9/22 Carson Dunbar, Sam Linderman-Vento
- 9/23 Christel Cerny, Max Oliver
- 9/24 Hudson Reid
- 9/25 Ryan Ledlow, Emily Shields
- 9/27 Frank Farinaro, Ethan Thompson
- 9/29 Caeden Doyle
- 9/30 Marc Oliver, Kali Vozech



**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
- 9/27 Lillian and Charles Turner  
Sara and Chris Wilson



**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 9/3 Carol Cunningham
- 9/4 Justin Hawkesworth
- 9/8 Avery Norment
- 9/9 Kevin Murphy
- 9/10 Wesley Wilson
- 9/18 Kennedy Cusack
- 9/20 Ella Royle
- 9/23 Alexa Cherven, Claire Mastrofilipo  
Max Rosen
- 9/27 Dean Cartier  
Olivia Doherty
- 9/29 Linda DiGruttilla

Redeemer Reminder articles for the month of October are due Thursday, Sept 23rd.

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