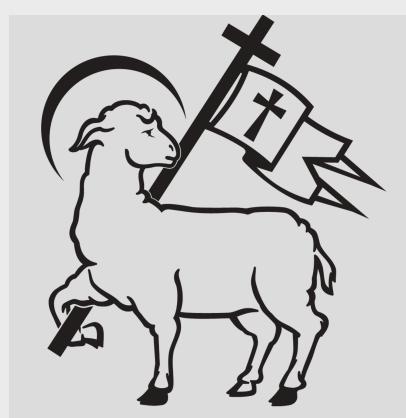


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Pastor's Message

by Pastor Michael C. Linderman, Ph. D.

Gratitude has been the theme of our Stewardship Campaign, and it is at the heart of this month leading to Thanksgiving. I am truly grateful for many things, but especially for the many ways God calls me to knew insights and wisdom over time, through new experiences. One such experience has been my involvement with the 2021-2022 Bishop's Challenge, "The Jehu Jones Mission."

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In the fall of 2020, I was asked by our Synod Bishop, Tracie Bartholomew, to serve on the Bishop's Challenge Committee. This committee, made of lay people and pastors of several ethnic backgrounds, put together a year-long program to look at how Lutherans can or should respond to the events of the Summer of 2020. We met several times over the fall and into the Winter 2021, planning the "Challenge" program. Among the many conversations we had, I'll never forget the reaction I got from one of my African American pastor colleagues when I admitted to them that I had never heard of the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921. They simply looked at me and said, "Yup."

I was reminded that I had a lot to learn, and that this experience was going to be good for me. Now the Redeemer Church Council has taken up the Bishop's Challenge effort, and has joined 150 other Lutheran congregations across New Jersey for this unique opportunity to listen, learn, reflect, and engage with the tough issues of our country's racial history. And we are able to listen to the perspectives of those around us because, as Lutherans, we believe we are justified by God's grace as a gift and not by anything else. All is a gift from God. We have nothing to lose. For more information, please go to <https://www.njsynod.org/bishopschallenge> to have a look at the program. And check out the **Bus Trip (page 2)** to Philadelphia on Nov 13! I'll be going on that trip and can drive a few extra passengers to the pick up point in Summit. Blessings to you during the month of Thanksgiving. +PL

2021-22 Bishop's Challenge

by Pastor Linderman

The 2021-2022 Bishop's Challenge is entitled, "The Jehu Jones Mission". The Rev. Jehu Jones was ordained in 1832 as the first Black Lutheran Pastor in the US. He purchased two plots in Philadelphia—at \$375 each—for a building for his growing Black congregation. Jones lost the mortgage after the Pennsylvania Synod refused to rescue the project. Even after calling him to ministry and commending him for his service, the Synod refused to support him.

Bishop Bartholomew asks NJ congregations to buy back a plot for Pastor Jones' church, at \$375 (this is a minimum; we are free to raise more). For the donation, each congregation will receive a quilt square, representing a congregation's commitment to following the Challenge Program over the year, growing in awareness and moving toward a response in Christian love. Congregations will send in their quilt squares to be combined in a large quilt and presented to the Bishop at the 2022 Synod Assembly.

All funds raised will support educational opportunities for emerging leaders of African descent, including (but not limited to) internships, camp, and seminary-related international travel and will be administered through the NJ Synod.

For more information on the "Bishop's Challenge: The Jehu Jones Mission", go to <https://www.njsynod.org/bishopschallenge>

The first event we can participate in is the **Bus Trip on Nov 13**. See the box in the adjacent column....

Stewardship

by Judith Schaefer

"Building a Culture of Gratitude"

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thes. 5:16-18)

Many thanks to members who have responded to our Stewardship Campaign this year! **If you have not yet responded**, please fill out a pledge card and send it in, or go the "Give" menu on our website (see page 10 of this Reminder) (redeemerramsey.org).

November Gratitude Challenge: print out or cut out a leaf from the next page and write on it something you are particularly grateful this year. Send the leaf into the office, or bring it in to worship. We will pin the leaves up on a Gratitude Tree in the narthex, in time for Thanksgiving!

Bishop's Challenge Bus Trip

November 13, 7am—start in Summit, NJ, 5:30pm return. (Parking available)

We will visit the African American Museum in Philadelphia, then walk to the Mask & Wig Club, which is in the building originally built in 1834 as the first African American Lutheran Church in the US. The price, subsidized by the Bishop's Office, is \$25 for bus and museum ticket. Pay for your own lunch, while on our walk from the museum to the Mask & Wig. **Sign up here:**

<https://www.njsynod.org/bishopschallengeevents>

Stewardship—Redeemer’s Gratitude Tree

by Judith Schaefer

Cut out a leaf below (paper copy) or print out this page and cut out, and write on your leaf what you are grateful for this Fall. You can color it, sign it, or be anonymous. Make the leaf “YOURS”! Drop it off or mail to the Church Office by 11/21 and it will be hung on our Gratitude Tree in the Narthex for Thanksgiving and into Advent.



(Example)



Social Ministry

by Sharon Vogel, Chair

Thanksgiving Collection Reminder

From October 24 until November 14 the annual collection will be underway to support St. Stephan's Grace Church and Center for Food Action. Donations of Shop Rite Gift Cards of any denomination or cash/check gifts (payable to "Redeemer



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Lutheran Church", Thanksgiving donation in the memo section) can be placed in the basket in the Narthex or dropped or sent to the Church Office Attention Social Ministry. Donations of Frozen Turkeys should be taken directly to Center for Food Action, 90 Ridge Road, Mahwah, 10am - 2pm, November 15-19.



Nov. 7 All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday, November 7
During the 10:15am service we will be remembering our blessed dead.

If you plan to watch our Livestream, get a candle ready to light in their honor.

Christmas Collection

On November 21 look for the Christmas Gift Tree in the Narthex! Take one of the tags off the tree which will indicate a gift for a child in need. As in 2020, we are being asked to provide gift cards to specific stores rather than actual gifts. We are again supporting the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation in Midland Park, St. Stephan's Grace Church, and the Father English Community Center of Catholic Charities in Paterson. Anyone wishing to make a general donation rather than a gift card is welcome to do so. These funds will be used to purchase supplemental gift cards. Checks made payable to "Redeemer Lutheran Church", Christmas donation in the memo section, should be sent to the Church Office or placed in the basket in the Narthex. All donations are due by December 12.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Evangelism

by Carol Dunbar

As most of you know we were very sorry to say a goodbye of sorts this past year to our friend and Global Mission partner, Pastor Janelle Neubauer, who has come back from Rwanda and is now the chaplain at Muhlenberg College in PA.

We have found our relationships with the pastors of the Global Mission program to be very rewarding and enriching to our congregation and have asked the mission program to identify a new partner for us to support as part of our evangelism program.

They have sent us a recommendation of a family who are the ELCA regional representatives in East Africa. They are Daudi (David) and Kellen Msseemmaa and their three children, Shalom, Shaddai, and Solomon. We have made a commitment with ELCA Global Mission to offer our support to this family and the work they are doing in Africa. The ELCA says that "walking and working together, we seek to accompany our companions.

Accompaniment is defined as walking together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality. The ELCA lives out accompaniment in relationships with global companions, striving to share God's love and participate in God's mission together."

We will be sending out more information about our family and start up a correspondence with them.

In the past our we have asked the congregation to participate in a **special offering for this program during the weeks of Advent and Lent.** We are asking our members to consider a donation to our fund to support this very important and rewarding program. Envelopes for the donations will be in the narthex during Advent, or your contribution can be sent in by mail to the office.

Thank you once again for your support. We look forward to hearing from our new partners and will be sending out updates from Daudi and Kellen soon.

Kellen and Daudi Msseemmaa



Kellen and Daudi Msseemmaa,
ELCA missionaries and
regional representatives for
East Africa

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>

Music Notes “...bells still are chiming and calling.....”

by Fran Morton, Music Director

We're launched! Rally Day was the second time we've used our handbells in worship recently. Just after Rally Day they went off to Schulmerich for refurbishment. They tell me we'll have them back all serviced and ready to go in time to use for Advent and Christmas. I'm already looking at music for us to play - let me know you're interested and you can join us!

There's one thing I need to clarify about handbells here. When I mentioned our bells are in for refurbishment and servicing, several people had the reaction, "They're bells, they just ring, why do they need refurbishment?" Yep! They are right about one thing - they are bells - but they are HANDbells. That means they are precision crafted musical instruments, designed and built to ring properly, at the proper pitch, when they are well-maintained. Our handbells are 33 years old and as far as I can determine, have never been serviced.

We know they have been carefully used, both by us and by the bellringers at Good Shepherd, Glen Rock, where they were on-loan, but 33 years is a long time and some things wear out over that length of time. So, my point is, we were due to have them refurbished.

What will Schulmerich do? They'll take each bell apart and examine each piece, replace the parts that are worn, or have broken over the years and then put each one back together, test each one and make sure the ensemble of bells sounds right together. This video gives more detail on what a handbell is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKpzal3w-tA>

Once we have our handbells back, in tip-top condition, we'll begin preparing to use them as often as you are willing to volunteer to play them. Stay tuned. Better yet, let me know now that you're interested in playing with us: music@redeemerramsey.org.

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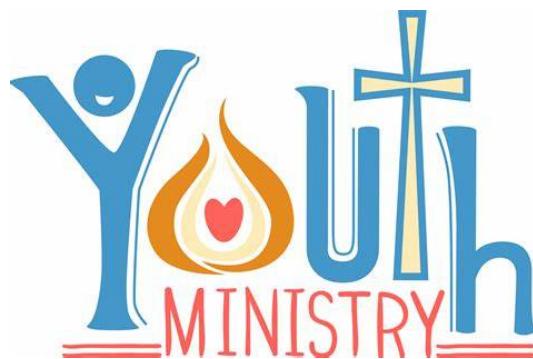
Youth Stewardship Temple Talk

by Lily Mulhall

Hello everyone! I hope we've all had a good start to our Halloween. I am really excited to spend today with friends and family, and of course to eat a lot of candy. I have to admit, though, Halloween has always been one of the most nerve wracking holidays for me. Even in Kindergarten I remember thinking, "What if I get cold, or forget my Bat Girl mask at home? And what if Lily doesn't want to go trick-or treating with me anymore?" Yes-- there are multiple Lily's in my grade. These memories of anxiety remind me of my first time going to a church sleep-away camp, or as we like to call it in my family, Jesus Camp. I was in 5th grade and was so nervous about being away from my Mom, so I was extremely grateful that I already knew some of the staff and they could contact her for me, because I knew I would want to call her every second of every day. I tried to find a new camp for a few summers in middle school so I wouldn't have this homesick-centered experience again, but kept on ending up calling Mom daily every time. Insanity is often described as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results, and I most certainly was experiencing that with sleep-away camp. Then I found Camp Crossroads, the Lutheran Camp of the New Jersey Synod in Califon, NJ. I showed up, way too prepared, expecting to be singled out for being the "homesick kid" like I had been before, but I wasn't. It was the first place where I could be myself, nervousness and all, and not be judged. I wasn't one Lily out of seven, always compared to the others. (Yes, you heard me correct, seven Lily's!) I was just Lily. Nobody cared if I cried, they understood that homesickness was just one part of me, and didn't make it my identity. Instead, my camp friends chose to see that I ran really fast during Mighty-Mighty (a game similar to capture the flag) and that I kept running when I couldn't catch up with people. Being free from this anxiety about exclusion allowed me to put all my energy into making friends, playing games, and worshipping. Eventually, I wasn't even homesick anymore, as I was so comfortable with my Cabin

(presented in worship, Oct 31, 2021)

family and camp environment. After those first two weeks of camp at Crossroads, I came home as a new person, determined to continue practicing the acceptance of my own identity and looking for God's work in all aspects of my life. Now, I don't hide who I am to fit in. I tap my leg in class, I wear what I want without fear of judgement, I'm not scared that my friends will go trick or treating with other people, and I would be ok with it if they did! It doesn't mean that my anxieties are gone, but I feel more confident in being me, a child of God, knowing that I have a loving community and God who accepts me for who I am. Being myself has broadened my horizons to infinity and beyond, and I don't know who I would be if it weren't for the safe space Crossroads has given me to connect with God and myself. These few weeks at camp, as well as weekends at the NJ Synod Youth Retreats, always leave me feeling more connected with God and more aware of his presence in my life. Since becoming more in tune with my faith, it has helped me to see that I am perfect exactly as I am, and that I should show the true me to the world, just as I do at camp. I am so grateful for the community I found at Crossroads, for my friend Mira Linderman-Vento who brought me into said community, and for the experiences me and other Crossroads' campers will get to have in the future. Thank you to my Redeemer family for supporting the ministry of Camp CrossRoads, and for enabling me to have these experiences. And thank you for letting me share my gratitude with you today! (*Go to our YouTube channel to view Lily's talk during the Oct 31 service livestream!*)



Christian Education News

by Heather Layng, Christian Education Chair

Sunday School Schedule for Nov:

NO Sunday School Nov 7th & 28th

Classes resume Nov 14 & 21

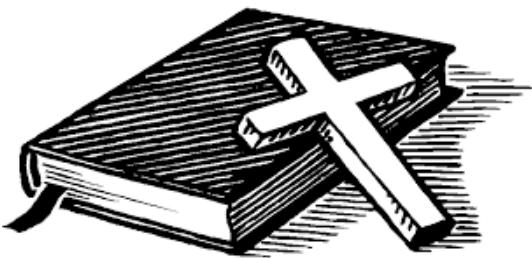
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Toddler - 2nd Grade

3rd - 6th Grade

7th Grade Pre-Confirmation

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



3rd Grade Bibles!

Our third graders will receive their Good News Bibles on Sunday, December 5th during the 10:15am service!

Bible Study Wednesdays at 10am

Socially distanced in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Currently, we are participating in the Bible Study provided by the **Bishop's Challenge: The Jehu Jones Mission**. It's a 6-session study on the heart of God for economic and social justice.

Confirmation News-

Redeemer Confirmation Mentors

Mentors and students will gather 4 times over the course of the academic year to discuss common worship experiences and share aspects of their faith with each other. October 31, 2021 was the first of these four events for this year. Mentors and students attend in person or watch the recording of the worship service and then agree on a time to meet—either in person or on the phone/FaceTime. Questions are provided to guide their conversations. Blessings to all our mentors and students as you enter into these holy conversations over the course of our program year!

Upcoming: NJ Synod Youth Retreat

Saturday Nov 20, 10am to 4pm. Contact Pastor Linderman for more information!

Next Confirmation Class

Sunday Dec 5 4:30pm

Light an Advent Candle



For each of the Sundays in Advent we need volunteers to lead a brief responsive reading at the beginning of the worship service

and to light a candle on the Advent wreath located by the Baptismal Font.

This is a great opportunity for a family or a couple of friends to work together and to help the whole congregation prepare for worship in Advent.

Nativity Set Up: Sat. Dec. 4th, 9am



On Dec 4, your help is needed to set up our life-sized Nativity scene on the front lawn of the church.

You can carry little things or carry big things or help put up the stable or spread straw—or just visit with your friends while they do all the work!

The figures will be moved from their storage area in the Education Building and placed in front of the church and bell tower. If you can give an hour or two – GREAT! If you have any questions please call Pastor Linderman at 201-675-4591.



SAVE THE DATE!

Redeemer Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec 19, 3pm

Redeemer parking lot

We will be outside for a brief retelling of the Christmas Story, plus a Christmas carol or two, and some hot chocolate!!

More information to come.



Christmas Poinsettias

Now is the time to start thinking about making a special donation for a poinsettia to decorate our altar this Christmas. Poinsettias may be given "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. Suggested donation is \$30. Checks should be made payable to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and sent to the church office. Remember to include a note as to who is being remembered/honored or use a flower envelope available in the narthex.

Support Redeemer, Give Online

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.RedeemerRamsey.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.

- 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 do 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.

- Judith

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<h1>November</h1>	1 1:30P Quilting Ministry	2	3 10:00A Bible Study	4	5	6
All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:15A No Sunday School Today 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	7	8 1:30P Quilting Ministry	9 7:30P Council Meeting	10 NO Bible Study	11 Veteran's Day	12 13
25th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	14	15 1:30P Quilting Ministry	16	17 10:00A Bible Study	18 RR Articles Due	19 20
Christ the King 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	21	22 1:30P Quilting Ministry	23	24 NO Bible Study	25 	26 27
1st Sunday in Advent 9:15A Sunday School 10:15A Svc of Holy Communion 11:15A Coffee Hour	28	29 1:30P Quilting Ministry	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=NVFrTZUU96SWRnbUgvRWZEM2tUZz09>

Meeting ID: 345 715 195, Password: 147185

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, Hunter Wilson
- 11/6 Rose Manke
- 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, Chris Wilson
- 11/15 Madison Behrmann
- 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
- 11/8 Chelsey and Shane Hudson
- 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 DiGruttila, 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 November are due Thursday, November 18th.

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