



Redeemer News

July 26, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Weekly Giving

Date	Giving
7/5/2020	\$3,283.00
7/12/2020	\$5,771.00
7/19/2020	\$3,835.00

Giving needed each week: **\$4,000**

July Benevolent Focus



Clothing Donations

St. Luke's Clothing Closet is currently closed and not accepting clothing donations. If you have donations and would like them to go there, please hang on to them until church re opens.

If you need a pastor in an emergency, please call Pastor Grace on her cell at (610) 533-3527. You may also reach her at gracecameronolson@gmail.com.

PRAYERS

The Prayer Chain-Gang has lost some rings/ringers. Might you be willing to fill in?



Generally speaking, Gale James (home) or Michelle Fister (office) will tell you for whom and what to pray. Most times, you will call the same person whenever there is a request for prayer. If that person cannot be reached, you leave a message for her/him and call the next ring in your chain. That way the whole gang gets the message on the same day.

Choose your own words and prayers. We trust that God knows the whole alphabet! If you wish to join the Chain-Gang, call Gale at home (484-765-9196) or Michelle at the church office (610-434-1291). Ditto, if you'd like us to pray for someone you know. She/he does not need to be a member of Redeemer Church.

Organist Update



The Organist and Choir Director Search Committee is pleased to announce that after interviewing and hearing candidate Sheila Huff play on July 14th, we were given permission by council to offer the position to her. Her experience, musical ability, education, love of Lutheran Worship and references from previous pastors made this an easy decision. Sheila accepted our offer and her response is below:

"I am thrilled and excited to be offered the Choir Director/Organist position at Redeemer. I so enjoyed meeting all of you and although things everywhere are in a state of flux, we'll find fun and meaning in it all! Thank you for giving me this opportunity."

Sheila will begin her job on September 1, 2020. We wish her many years of joyful worship with our congregation.

Committee Members are Noreen Clark, Dane Clark, Donna Paules, David Nowak and Pastor Grace.

SCRIP REBATES CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH

The first 6 months of income has been placed in an account available for property repair. During the first 3 weeks of July, the fund has made \$82.91.



RELICS AND REUZITS



We had another successful Monday of organizing for the sale. We will meet again on Monday, July 27 from 9-11 and, hopefully, have our setup completed. Our items include tools, collectibles, housewares, holiday decorations, books, toys and much more.

Craig and Vaughn



**John Kopic
and
Kathleen Monahan**
7/25



Jim & Barbara Lindenmuth
8/9

Todd & Mary Richards
8/17



Craig Long-7/26
Cyndy Hillegass - 7/27
James George - 7/31



Erica Dreabit 8/16
Laura Dreabit 8/20
Zach Johnson 8/23
Jennifer Balliet 8/23
William Zotter 8/24
Karen Boyer 8/26
Christine Beck 8/28



I thank all my family of Redeemer for the greetings and well wishes on my birthday. Gratefully, Love and God's Peace,
Sr. Verna

Scripture Readings for July 26, 2020

1 Kings 3:512
Ps 119:129-136
Rom. 8:26-39
Matt 13:31-33,44-52

Updates

Jean Lory, a long-time member of Redeemer who passed away in January, **left her estate to Redeemer**. The paperwork was finalized this past week and Redeemer has been richly blessed by Jean's gift. One half of her donation was divided between two existing Redeemer Thrivent accounts. The remainder of Jean's money has currently been placed in our Memorial Funds account.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, our budget has continued to be met during these challenging times. Assuming the membership continues their faithful giving, Redeemer's financial future will remain healthy. Thank you for your commitment to Redeemer!

Dottie Beazley for the **Redeemer Church Council**

Corona Virus Scams Targeting Older Americans

"The COVID-19 pandemic has provided a new hook for robocall and text scammers, many specifically targeting older Americans' concerns about health and finances. **The FCC is tracking and educating consumers about COVID-19 scam calls and texts**, including those designed to defraud seniors.

The **Social Security Administration posted an alert** about a scam claiming that benefit payments may be suspended or decreased due to office closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The SSA says that any call, text or letter offering to "maintain regular benefit payments" if you make a payment is fake. If you've been targeted by this scam, report it to the **SSA's Office of the Inspector General**.

The **IRS has also issued similar warnings about coronavirus imposter scams** related to stimulus checks, overdue payments, filing extensions and other tax related topics.

Fake investment opportunities and fraudulent accounts to protect your pension funds are also being touted on robocalls. The **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission** posted a warning about fake stock offers pitching a nonexistent biotech company developing a vaccine for COVID-19. Another scam offers investment gains while protecting against losses — a coronavirus twist on a classic phony investment offer.

Older Americans should also be aware of pandemic versions of the "**grandparent scam**" where a scammer poses as a relative, often a grandchild, in a desperate situation and urgently in need of money. If you receive such a call requesting that you wire money or buy a gift card and call back with the gift card number, hang up and check in with family directly. To learn more, read the FCC's consumer guide on grandparent scams."

<https://www.fcc.gov/coronavirus-scams-targeting-older-americans>

Members who are hospitalized and others in need of our prayers

Members who are ill, recuperating, shut-in, or in the military

Gloria Beil, Jane Bellesfield, Tony Boyle, Irene Buehler, Joan Colfer, Carolyn Crilley, Lois Eisenhard, Nila Grammes, Gale James, Nancy Long, Glenda McNelis, Sister Verna Meckes, Lois Nowack, John Saylor, Earl Schlegel, Marilyn Snyder, Rita Sparrow, Pastor Jack and Dottie Tomlinson, William Zotter, Ryan Jaxheimer, Nathan Rode, Harrison Jetter



Please keep these members and their families in your prayers

Marianne Brown, Greg Boyer, Virginia Balliet, Olwen and Joshua Bougher, Derry family, Margaret Heil, Beth and Martin Landau, Joan Lorenz, Eric Sell, Christopher, Leah, Darren, Julian, Beth Reccek and family, Jack Ohl, Shirley Saeger, Nancy and Pastor Don Schwartz, Rev. Grace and Royal Olson, Mary Heins