

September 6, 2020



# Redeemer

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Weekly Giving

Date	Giving
8/2/2020	\$3,452.35
8/9/2020	\$3,533.00
8/16/2020	\$4,518.00
8/23/2020	\$5,013.00
8/30/2020	\$3,953.00

Giving needed each week: \$4,000

### September Benevolent Focus



ELCA DOMESTIC DISASTER

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**.

### Office Hours

Mon. 9:30-5:00

Wed. 9:30-5:00 remotely

Tues. & Thurs. 9:30-2:00

Friday 9:30-3:30

### Hello from Sheila Huff!

Since you will be seeing a new person on the organ bench beginning in September, and I will not be able to meet you in person "yet," I have been asked to introduce myself to you via the newsletter.

First, let me say I am thrilled to be **Redeemer's** new **Music Director** and will do my best to continue the wonderful ministry Martha has created. That's a tall order!!

A little bit about myself....

I was born in a suburb of Chicago where I lived until I was ten and where my family (2 sisters) was very active in the Lutheran church. My father was transferred to North Jersey where I completed elementary, middle school and high school. During those years, I was active in all things church, especially choir and spent most of my time on piano and organ lessons. Ultimately, I went to Valparaiso University in Indiana - a Missouri Lutheran School - where I spent four glorious years learning how to do what I have done ever since-church music! Along the way, I had three sons. My husband Gordon is a now retired ELCA pastor. We were fortunate enough to work in the same church for 13 years in South Jersey where we lived for thirty years. Three years ago, this month, we moved to Allentown to live near two of our children and four grandchildren. I was employed at Cedar Lutheran until Covid. When I am not doing church things, you will find me doing grandchildren things, exercising, baking or doing jigsaw puzzles! We were enjoying getting acquainted with all that the Lehigh Valley has to offer but of course, now, we tour online!!

It is definitely a unique time to begin a new position but I am certain that despite our inability to meet face to face, our worship can still be meaningful. Until we can be together, I quote from hymn 748 in the WOV.

Bind us together Lord.  
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together Lord.  
Bind us together in love.

In Christ,  
**Sheila**



**Dave & Lois Nowack**

9/11

**Craig & Theresa Jetter**

9/13

**Anthony & Stephanie  
Slabinski**

9/20

**Tom & Diane Heinly**

9/21

**Brooks & Karen Boyer**

9/21

**Barbara & Daniel Robb**

9/27

**Robert & Carol Leh Jr**

9/28

## Redeemer Outdoor Service of Holy Communion

**When:** Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (rain date August 20)

**Where:** Redeemer's front courtyard on 19<sup>th</sup> Street

**What do you need to attend?**

Wear a mask.

Bring your own folding chair.

Set up 6 feet from other families or individuals.

Check in at the card table to receive a bag containing your bulletin and an individual prepackaged communion set.



**What to expect:**

- No communal singing

- No spoken responses

**Maintain social distancing before and after the service.**

The restroom will be available in emergency only.

**We will still prepare Sunday Worship videos.**

## **REDEEMER'S 2020 CROP WALK CHALLENGE**



For many years, Redeemer has sponsored participants in the **Annual Crop Hunger Walk** which helps to support the **Lehigh County Conference of Churches Ecumenical Soup Kitchen** and the **Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank**. Due to the Covid-19 situation, the dynamics of the walk are changed this year. It is a **Crop Hunger**

**Walk/Drive-By**. We have decided not to sponsor individual participants this year and **CHALLENGE** our congregation to help end the hunger and malnutrition problems in our community, the nation and the world - **with monetary contributions**. The **CHALLENGE**, Redeemer Family, **is to exceed the \$905 donated in 2019**. Your donation can be placed in the Crop Walk envelope that was included in your envelope packet or simply write **Crop Walk on the memo line of your check**. To allow our contributions to be forwarded to CWS in time for the Oct. 11 Walk/Drive-By date, we ask for your contributions by October 1. *If you want to know more about this endeavor or would like to register and participate, please go to their website:*

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa/>

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE**



**Nurturing faith and commitment to our children is important to us.** Since we do not want to endanger the health of our families and staff and want to remain cautious at this time, we have decided that we are unable to hold "in person" Sunday Church

School at this time. To decide how we will proceed with confirmation instruction, our **Confirmation families will meet on Sunday, September 20 at 3:00 P.M.** Virtual Sunday School is in the planning stages for the Spark Sunday School children. Stay tuned for further updates.

## **Love technology? Willing to Volunteer?**



**Pastor Grace** has been making all the videos using her iPhone. As our time of COVID continues, she was wondering if anyone in the congregation would like to volunteer to do the **video recording and editing**. We will be recording on Friday mornings starting in September. Please email her at [gracecameronolson@gmail.com](mailto:gracecameronolson@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Dorothy Kauffman - 9/3

Cole Richards - 9/4

Michael VanWhy - 9/4

John Kecip - 9/5

Liz Seel - 9/6

Vincent Vargas - 9/7

Bill Ault Jr. - 9/8

Linda Fisher - 9/8

Jim Lindenmuth - 9/12

Jill Palmer - 9/15

Darcie Wolf - 9/16

Jonathan Koren - 9/16

Shaelynn Hartman - 9/19

Rev. John Tomlinson Jr. -

9/20

Tom Heinly - 9/23

Abigail Pudliner - 9/25

Barbara Robb-9/27

Brandon Bossons - 9/30

Elaine Cruse - 9/30

### **Scripture Readings**

**for**

### **September 6, 2020**

Ezekial 33:7-11

Ps 119:33-40

Rom. 13:8-14

Matt18:15-20

**The office will be closed**  
**on September 7<sup>th</sup> in**  
**observance of the**  
**Labor Day holiday.**

## Annex Cleanout

Church offices are now fully functional within the church building: however, we still need to remove furniture and other items from the annex. If you are available on **Saturday, September 12**, we would like to have the annex completely cleaned out. **Please arrive at approximately 9:00 AM.**



## SCRIP UPDATE

Our first order for September was \$900.00. This provided the fund with \$25.50 in rebates for a total of \$376.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2020. I will be ordering **Giant** and **Weis** cards for stock which creates a negative balance in the fund but the fund is replenished when the cards are sold. Remember to order your cards by either calling me (610-437-1996) or emailing me at [chief41@ptd.net](mailto:chief41@ptd.net).

**Craig**

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

August 30, 2020

### Dear Members of Redeemer Congregation,

Wow! We are overwhelmed by your extremely generous retirement gift. Thank you so much! We also appreciate the many cards and letters that we have received. Your thoughtfulness has been very moving.

We would also like to express our particular appreciation to Dottie Beazley, Pastor Grace, Karen Boyer, Dane and Noreen Clark, Cyndy Hillegass, Dave Nowack, Mary Richards, and Val Rode who participated in the "Taremäe Farewell" service. We thank you for honoring us in this very special way.

We look forward to continuing to be a part of the Redeemer family and worshipping with you.

With sincerity and love,

**Martha and Olev**

### Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the **Food Bank**, I would like to thank you for your \$1,383.13 donation, given on 8/11/2020. Your financial support enables us to provide food assistance to approximately 900+ low-income households in the Allentown area every month.

The staff and over 200 volunteers at the food bank are continually in awe of the support that we receive from the community. We are proud to consider you a partner and supporter of the **Allentown Food Bank**. We could not accomplish what we do without the generosity of people like you.

Gratefully,

**Julie Ludrof Scott**

Executive Board Member

## 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, Dave and Lois Nowack, the family of Mary Heins