

October 11, 2020



Redeemer

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Weekly Giving

| Date | Giving |
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| 10/4/2020 | \$3,433 |
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Giving needed each week: \$4,000

October Benevolent Focus



Pastor Grace is starting her vacation on October 10th. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the office.

Church Office Hours

Mon. 9:30-5:00
Wed. 9:30-5:00 remotely
Tues. & Thurs. 9:30-2:00
Friday 9:30-3:30

In Person Worship to Keep You Safe

We are all looking forward to worshipping together. Redeemer will follow CDC recommendations as we return to in-person worship. We respectfully request that you follow the guidelines that we have established so that everyone will remain healthy and safe.

If you have a fever, a sore throat, cough, loss of taste or smell, or other signs of the virus please use the online Redeemer link to worship at home. If you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID, please follow the 14-day self-quarantine procedure before considering coming to church.

If you plan to attend in-person services at Redeemer, please email (redeemer1@rcn.com) or call (610-434-6614) during scheduled office hours (Mon. 9:30-5:00, Tues/Thurs. 9:30-2:00, Fri. 9:30-3:30) by Friday at 3:00 PM the week preceding the worship service so that we can be sure to maintain social distancing. In the event that we exceed the safe number of worshipers in the sanctuary, the overflow of worshipers will be seated in the chapel/library where the service will be broadcast over speakers.

As a precaution, masks must be worn throughout the service. Extra masks in plastic bags will be available for those who don't have a mask. Hands-free sanitizers are located in the narthex and near the restrooms (please, one person at a time in the restrooms). There will be no congregational singing or congregational speaking during the worship service.

You will be warmly greeted by our ushers when you arrive at Redeemer. Volunteers will take a forehead temperature and ushers will seat you in designated areas. You will be given a bag with the bulletin for the day and your communion elements which come in a sealed cup with a wafer under a thin plastic covering. A layer of foil covers the grape juice. Your used cups can be placed in your plastic bag and discarded in the church's trash can or at your home.

We will not pass offering plates. There will be a replica of a church with a slot for you to insert your offering - on the table to the right of the entrance to the sanctuary.

You will be dismissed by rows. Before exiting, you will be given a disinfectant wipe and kindly asked to wipe the seating area where you and your family sat. The used wipes can be put in the bag with your empty communion cup before disposing of them. Additionally, the pews will be sanitized between weekly services. The fellowship table has been suspended temporarily so that we can follow social distancing guidelines. Although our natural instinct is to greet our fellow church members, we request that you leave the church grounds immediately following the service. We encourage you to contact each other by telephone or email so that you can stay in touch with and support one another.

Policies may change as the CDC and government restrictions change.





We had another good week - with rebates totaling \$29.62. Our current fund total is \$291.11. There was \$900 transferred at the end of June; therefore, our yearly total is \$1191.11. **Thank you to all of our participants!**

- Bob and Erica Dreabit**
10/20
Erica and Michael Smith
10/20
Dennis and Karen Helfrich
10/22
Elizabeth and Jeffrey Fletcher
10/25
- Oct 12 Jennifer Mann
Oct 13 Michele Bossons
Oct 13 Ruth Schaeffer
Oct 14 Douglas Cramer
Oct 12 Glenn Fisher
Oct 19 Daniel Robb
Oct 19 Lucas Schmieg
Oct 21 Todd Fahringer
Oct 27 Judy Mahar
Oct 28 Brianna Bartek
Oct 31 Barry Paules

MONDAY LUNCH FELLOWSHIP

All are welcome to come to **Wert's Café for lunch on Mondays at 11:00 am**. This is an informal group that has grown from four Redeemer members to eight and welcomes more of you. Due to the pandemic, there is currently outdoor seating only but they have tents and heaters to make it comfortable.



EXTERIOR WALL TO FELLOWSHIP HALL

Rickert Masonry recently completed a restoration project to the wall at the exterior steps leading to Fellowship Hall. The mortar has been progressively falling out to the point stones have become loose. The integrity of the top and stair railings was becoming an issue. The wall should now be stable for many years to come.



Redeemer's very own **Christian Action Sewing** group has been busy once again this year assembling **quilts for Lutheran World Relief**. On Monday, October 5th, 30 quilts were delivered and will be sent to those in need.

Words of Thanks

Dear Friends,

"Jesus' love cannot be held back, even by a pandemic." How true that has been this summer as we shared the Christ Love All Bible Camp curriculum as a **'Backyard Bible Camp'** project for families. I am incredibly grateful to you all for this generous gift to support this new way of being present to northern families.

So, this year, when nothing is normal, I know that 'normal' for God transcends the circumstances we find ourselves in. Jesus still meets each child exactly where they are and reveals His love for them. COVID-19 may disrupt our way of operating, but it cannot isolate northern children from God's love. Thank you for being there for northern children and for supporting and encouraging them with your gift. May God bless you and continue to keep you safe.

With Gratitude and prayers,

Rev. Lesley Hand
On Eagles Wings. Executive Director

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

Greg Boyer, Derry family, Margaret Heil, Beth and Martin Landau, Joan Lorenz, Eric Sell, Christopher, Leah, Darren, Julian, Beth Reccek and family, Jack Ohl, Nancy and Pastor Don Schwartz, Dave and Lois Nowack, Nancy Ruhmel, Olwen and Joshua Bougher, Jane Helwig



Minor weeding is needed in the newly landscaped flower beds in the courtyard - before they get out of control. If you are able, please feel free to help out **without** having to call the office first. **We appreciate the help!**

Scripture Readings for

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- Isa 25:1-9
Ps 23
Phil 4:1-9
Matt 22:1-14