

December 6, 2020



# Redeemer

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Weekly Giving

Date	Giving
11/01	\$2,317
11/08	\$7,058
11/15	\$2,323
11/22	\$3,113
11/30	\$8,090

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

**December**  
**Benevolent Focus**  
*Christmas*

### STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

**December 6, 2020**

(Second Sunday of Advent, Year B)

*"A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." --*

**Isaiah 40:3**

2020 has certainly upended our worship and community life. Christmas will be much different from what we've known. As faithful stewards, we prepare to welcome Jesus, even if circumstances are not what we expect or desire. Remember: **God is faithful and Christ is with us.**

### Scripture Readings

for

**December 6, 2020**

Isa. 40:1-11

Ps. 85:1-2,8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

## MISSION MINISTRY UPDATE

In the past few years, the members of Redeemer have responded generously to our **Backpack Project**. In conversation with the director of the **YM-YWCA**, there have been some changes made in the work being done at the **Warming Center** for the homeless this winter season. First of all, they will not be collecting backpacks because of the Pandemic.

Secondly, there are needs to be met, but very specific ones because of Covid. Items that are needed will be:



- full size deodorants
- shelf-stable meals (Styrofoam containers that can be microwaved)
- hot-cold cups with lids
- creamer in packets
- sugar in packets
- tea in bags
- coffee (in cans or bags)
- hot chocolate in packets



As per the system set up for the recent Daybreak collection, **we will be collecting the items** for the Warming Center **at the back door of Redeemer's church office - at the top of the steps.**

The special container will be set out on the landing **on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Collections will begin on December 7 and end on December 21** because of the holidays. **They will resume in the new year on Monday, January 4th.** Since we will have volunteers answering the telephone each day until the end of this year, there will be someone in the office taking out the container and bringing the items back into the church.

Our **Mission Ministry Committee** wants to thank you for your generosity in this project and for dealing with the changes that have resulted at this difficult time in our lives. The members of Redeemer Church have been flexible with our Mission Ministry projects and handle well whatever has been thrown our way. **Thank you so much for your help!**

## SCRIP UPDATE

**Another great week for SCRIP!** Many members have decided to purchase SCRIP cards as holiday gifts. **This week's sales totaled of \$1,680.** This provided our fund with **\$50.75.** The yearly total is now \$ 1,397.99. Once we have \$500, a transfer will be made to the Thrivent accounts that are used for property purchases and repairs.



## SEXTON POSITION

**We have received one application for the position of sexton** after advertising on the church website and in the *West End Living*. With the intent of getting more applicants, the position has also been advertised on Facebook and in the synod newsletter. Until such time as we hire someone for the position, we are asking members to volunteer some time to perform sexton duties. Due to the fact that church is being held via **YouTube**, the sexton functions have been reduced. Anyone willing to give time to the church should **contact** the church office or **call me 610-4371-996** or email at [chief41@ptd.net](mailto:chief41@ptd.net).

**Craig**

12/1 - Barry Glass  
 12/2 - Beth Fletcher  
 12/3 - Beth Landau  
 12/5 - Ken Baatz  
 12/5 - Dane Clark  
 12/5 - Dan Hunsicker  
 12/5 - Gale James  
 12/7 - Josh Bougher  
 12/9 - Carol Leh  
 12/10 - Debbie Stewart  
 12/12 - Diane Heinly  
 12/17 - Gloria Beil  
 12/18 - Marilyn Paules  
 12/20 - Greg McNelis  
 12/21 - Christopher Balliet  
 12/21 - Joanne Lucas  
 12/24 - Barb Lindenmuth  
 12/24 - Kathleen Sell  
 12/27 - Aubrey Miller  
 12/28 - Jim Haines

**Kelly & Duke Knerr**

Dec. 7

**Bonnie & Brian Bartek**

Dec. 9

**John & Kathy Sell**

Dec. 11

**Tim & Nicole Richards**

Dec. 30

If you need to contact a pastor - please call **Pastor Grace** on her cell at (610) 533-3527. Pastor's email at church has changed to: [Redeemer5@rcn.com](mailto:Redeemer5@rcn.com). You may also reach her at [gracecameronolson@gmail.com](mailto:gracecameronolson@gmail.com).

**Church Office Hours**

Mon.- Friday

10:00-1:00

Bookkeeper Office

M-Th- please call



**Danish Gingerbread Cookies**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| ¼ cup butter, softened    | 1 tsp. salt             |
| 2/3 cup light brown sugar | 1 tsp. baking soda      |
| 1/3 cup corn syrup        | 4 cups flour            |
| 2/3 cup honey             | 1 lb. confections sugar |
| 1 tsp. grated lemon rind  | 4 T. butter, melted     |
| 1 tsp. vanilla            | 1 tsp. vanilla          |
| ½ tsp. cloves             | Milk                    |
| 1 tsp. ginger             |                         |



Day 1: Cream butter and sugar. Add corn syrup, honey, lemon rind, vanilla and the spices. Add salt and soda. Add flour one cup at a time until it is soft dough that you can pick up as one large ball. Refrigerate in a covered bowl overnight.

Day 2: Preheat oven to 350. Roll chunks of dough onto a floured surface about ¼ "thick. Se cookie cutters to cut out cookies. Place on greased and floured pans. Bake for 7 minutes, cool on wire racks to room temperature.

Day 3: If frosting is desired. Combine 1/3 cup sugar with butter. Add vanilla to make a paste. Add rest of sugar, keeping it moist via milk. It needs to be smooth enough to spread, not runny. Use food coloring or decorating bits.

Pastor Bardo

**Joys and Concerns of the Congregation**

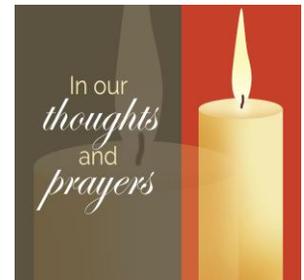
I would like to thank **Pastor Grace and the Redeemer family** for prayers, cards, and phone calls while I was ill.

Thank you, **Shirley Saeger**

**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, Lois Nowack, 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, Sister Verna Meckes, Shirley Saeger, Jade