

Redeemer

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Weekly Giving

Date	Giving
12/06	\$4,637
12/13	
12/20	
12/27	

Giving needed each week:
\$4,000
December
Benevolent Focus
Christmas

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 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!**

WITH DEEPEST APPRECIATION

Thanks to Craig Jetter who has served as the Treasurer of Redeemer for almost four years. Craig is stepping down from this position and **Lee Smith** has agreed to take over this important job. **Lee was voted in as Treasurer by the Church Council** by an internet vote. Redeemer is blessed to have members who are willing to assume these challenging positions.

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.

Craig

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

December 13, 2020 (Third Sunday of Advent, Year B)

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him."

John 1:6-7

Like John, we are sent as witnesses to testify to the Christ at work in the world. In addition to preparing our own hearts and minds in Advent, faithful stewards know that the Spirit gives us the power to share the good news of God among us.

Scripture Readings

for

December 13, 2020

Isa. 61:1-4, 8-11

Ps. 126

1 Thess. 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

CREAM CHEESE COOKIES

By Karen Boyer

Handed down from Sarah Arthur

½ cup butter, softened
½ cup shortening
1 3 oz. package of cream cheese,
softened
1 cup sugar

1 egg yolk
1 tsp. vanilla
2 ½ cups flour
Various colored granulated sugars



Cream together butter and shortening. Add cream cheese and sugar, mix until smooth and creamy. Beat in egg yolk and vanilla. Add flour. This dough can be dropped by spoon onto greased cookie sheet, put through a cookie press or rolled and cut with cookie cutters. For rolled cookies, roll out 1/8 inch thick on floured cloth and cut with cookie cutters. Bake on greased cookie sheet or parchment paper at 375 ° for 10 minutes. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

UPDATES

On Tuesday, December 15th, the office will be closed. HT Lyons will be working in the building and there will be no heat.

Please remember that all church services are being streamed to YouTube and the link can be found on the Facebook page or our website.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

I am having minor surgery on my back next Tuesday, December 15. I will only be in the hospital one night and expect to be back to work by Friday. A special thank you to Arlene Bentz & Mary Ann Weiss who brought me a prayer shawl. Please include me in your prayers next week. **Pastor Grace.**

I thank everyone for their prayers! My hand and foot have healed completely. I am so grateful for God's healing. **Sister Verna**

Please keep Beth Landau and her family in your prayers. Her husband Martin died on Sunday. They were married for 68 ½ years. If you would like to reach out to Beth, her address is:

Beth Landau
317 Laurel Woods Rd
Landenberg, PA 19350

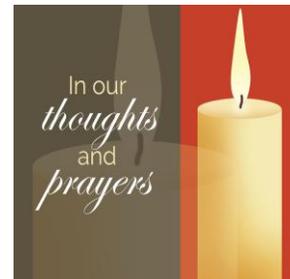
We heard from Kathryn Dieter's daughter that she would enjoy hearing from her Redeemer friends. In March, she turned 92. If you would like to send her a card, her address is:

Kathryn Dieter
Assisted Living, Rm 7
1261 S. Main St. Plantsville, CT 06479

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, Joan Lorenz, Eric Sell, Christopher, Leah, Darren, Julian, Beth Reccek and family, Jack Ohl, Nancy and Pastor Don Schwartz, Dave and Lois Nowack, Sister Jade, Pastor Grace, Beth Landau and family.



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.

You may also reach her at gracecameronolson@gmail.com.

Church Office Hours

Mon.- Friday
10:00-1:00

Bookkeepers Office
M-Th Please call!

