



January 10, 2021

Redeemer

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Weekly Giving

Date	Giving
12 /30	\$3,578
01/08	\$3,114

Giving needed each week:

\$4,000

January

Benevolent Focus

NEPA Synod &

Allentown Food

Bank

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

January 10, 2021

(Baptism of the Lord, Year B)

“[Paul] said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’ They replied, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 19:2

As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus and recall our own initiation into God’s family, we can be confident that God works within us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit, and equipping us to be faithful disciples who are well in body, mind, and spirit.



REDEEMER TASK FORCE UPDATE

Present: **Dottie Beazley, Noreen Clark, Dick Gardner, Cyndy Hillegass, Sheila Huff, Grace Olson, Donna Paules, Mary Richards, Lee Smith, and Deb Stewart**

The Task Force unanimously agreed to recommend to the Church Council that Redeemer delay in-person worship until after March 1, 2021.

Pastor Grace Olson suggested that **beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 17, 2021) and continuing through Easter, Redeemer will celebrate communion at each online worship service.** The Task Force embraced this idea. Communion kits will be available for members who would like them. Members are also able to prepare their own communion elements in their homes.

The Task Force recognizes that Redeemer needs to schedule an **in-person Congregational Meeting** to elect new Church Council members, to discuss the sale of the Eisenhard Annex, and to vote on potential constitutional changes. The meeting would ordinarily be held on Feb. 14, 2021, but the Task Force is hesitant to schedule it on that date because of COVID. **March 14, 2021 is a tentative date that the Task Force is proposing for our Annual Congregational Meeting.** The Task Force will meet again on February 15, 2021 and make a final recommendation for the annual meeting date. The contents of the annual report will be emailed to members with computer capability. Paper copies will be available through the church office for those members who prefer that format.

When the Annual Congregational Meeting date is finalized, all church members will be notified in writing with the date and time of the meeting, along with major issues that will be discussed. CDC guidelines will be strictly enforced for this meeting. Reservations will be made through the church office (on-line or telephone) and seats will be assigned. Temperatures will be taken as members enter the narthex and masks must be worn.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Beazley

HELP WANTED

Despite the fact that we are not having in-house services, there are still projects that need to be completed. They do not require any skill and can be done on individual basis. They are as follows: replace ceiling tiles, paint radiators and hang mirrors in the new music room, rake leaves, vacuum the church and building, dust, and clean windows. This can be done regardless of age. Please call the office for more information.



Craig

Greetings during this week of the Epiphany of Our Lord!

Thank you, dear people of God, for your generous gifts to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response this fall and winter! You and 49 sister congregations gave the most generous support during this quarter to the church's ministries - ending hunger and aiding recovery from disaster. Thank you! Surely you are shining the light of God's justice over all the earth, sharing God's love with families and communities near and far.

Would you like a short video thank you and a story for your worship or annual meeting? We'd be glad to record one for you; just let us know.

Yours in Christ,

Robin

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God's work. Our hands.

Olev & Martha Taremae
1/2

Arlene Bentz - 1/2

Donna Bellis - 1/7

Jonah Quier - 1/7

Carolyn Crilley - 1/8

Mary Anne Weiss- 1/10

Dennis Helfrich - 1/11

Harry Schaeffer - 1/11

Maxton Flamisch - 1/13

Noah Rode - 1/16

Christine Bachman - 1/18

Susan Fahringer - 1/22

Betty Leh - 1/22

Mae Anderson - 1/25

Scripture Readings

for

January 10, 2021

Gen. 1:1-5

Ps. 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

SCRIP UPDATE

The Finance Committee of Redeemer strongly **recommended the purchase of a safe** in order to secure the checkbooks and records of the church. Michelle and Marilyn, through their diligence, found a suitable safe which happened to be on sale at **Tractor Supply** in Trexlerstown. Our lawn care contractor, **Matt Curry**, has offered to transport the safe to Redeemer. (The safe weighs more than 300 lbs.) **You may be asking, "What does this purchase have to do with SCRIP?"** The safe will be paid for by the rebates we received from June 2020 until this week. Thank you to all who purchased cards in 2020! By continuing to purchase cards, we can complete more projects.

Craig

AGNUS DAY



"Christ In Our Home"

Devotional

We apologize but we still have **not received** the 4th quarter devotional.

Offering Envelopes

As we know, the mail system is backlogged and delayed. Many of you have not received your offering envelopes as of yet. They are coming! We just received our office envelopes on Wednesday.

Church Office Hours

Mon. 9:30-5:00

Wed. Office Closed

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

Friday 9:30-3:00

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, Beth Landau, Nancy Long, Lois Nowack, Sister Verna Meckes, John Saylor, 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, Pastor Grace, Polly Gardner, Christine Deutsch, Jennifer, Kenny Angstadt, Scott and Stephanie Reichard, Raymond Reichard, the families of Earl Schlegel, Irene Stephens and Glenda McNelis.