



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 25, 2019



REDEEMER

HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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WORSHIP... All worship begins with God. He is our Creator and He desires us to be in relationship with Him. He reaches out to us, and, in worship, draws us closer to Him. Jesus whom we come to know through Word and Sacrament, is the way God reveals Himself to us. And more, it is in His name that we approach the throne of the Almighty. In worship the believer through Jesus Christ, reaches out to his heavenly Father. As the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament, we become aware of our need for God, and seek fellowship with God in the company of fellow believers.

LUTHERAN... Originally a derogatory term for those who reminded the Church that it is **“by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourself; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”** (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) Now, we embrace Lutheran to mean we are disciples of Jesus Christ who agree with Dr. Luther’s teaching from the Bible as summarized in his Small Catechism.

...DECENTLY AND IN ORDER... (*cf. 1 Corinthians 14:40*) Whether the service is closer to what some would call “traditional” or others “contemporary” - whether we are using hymns that may even pre-date the Reformation or music written in our lifetimes - there is an order to worship comprised of three parts: the Service of Preparation, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Sacrament. Together, these three sections make up the whole worship order.

HELP, HOPE, HOME, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST... If you have no church home of your own, we encourage you to get to know us and we invite you to participate in the other activities here. And more, we cordially invite you to join God’s family here at Redeemer.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019



INTROIT *Ps. 117; antiphon: Ps. 96:6a; 115:18*

Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;*
we will bless the LORD from this time forth
and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;*

we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

DAILY READINGS

August 25: 1 Kings 7:51–8:21; 2 Cor. 3:1–18; **26:** 1 Kings 8:22–30, 46–63; 2 Cor. 4:1–18; **27:** 1 Kings 9:1–9; 10:1–13; 2 Cor. 5:1–21; **28:** 1 Kings 11:1–26; 2 Cor. 6:1–18; **29:** 1 Kings 11:42–12:19; 2 Cor. 7:1–16; **30:** 1 Kings 12:20–13:5, 33–34; 2 Cor. 8:1–24; **31:** 1 Kings 16:29–17:24; 2 Cor. 9:1–15.

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23

¹⁸For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

Epistle: Hebrews 12:4-24

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and

strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Sunday Servant Team

THIS WEEK - August 18, 2019

Altar Prep:	Diana St. Charles
Communion:	Steve Winans & Kurt Dolph
Usher Team:	Judy Knox & Dan Mead
Guest Connection:	The Wojcieszaks and TheHackmans
Hospitality:	TEAM 4 (Lilly & Boyd)
Readers:	Alex McLaughlin & Dan Mead
Nursery:	VACANT
Clean Up:	J.K. Lilly & Phil Brooks
A/V:	Ted Toler & Mindy Simmons
Prayer:	John Eckerd

NEXT WEEK - August 25, 2019

Altar Prep:	Jane Charnock
Communion:	Don King & Alex McLaughlin
Usher Team:	Steve Koepsel & Ron Reimert
Guest Connection:	Fred & Candy Joseph and Bill Henstock
Hospitality:	TEAM 5 (Beckman, Dolph, Henstock, McIntosh)
Readers:	Jim Siebel & Phil Gaarenstroom
Nursery:	Claire Walker
Clean Up:	Dawn Chandler & Alma Chapman
A/V:	Phil Gaarenstroom & Dan Mead
Prayer:	Dan Mead

Jane Charnock maintains the Sunday Servant Team schedule. If you have a change to communicate you can reach out to Jane, (304)345-6867

Budget

	8/18/2019	YTD
General Fund Revenue	6,036.08	172,989.26
Budget	5,287.40	174,484.20
Difference (\$ / %)	748.68 / 14.2%	(1,494.94) / (0.9%)
General Fund Expenses		157,950.90
Revenues less Expenses		15,038.36
Worship Attendance	92	84.0

* During the quarter, expenses fluctuate based on entry date. Quarter-end numbers are available through the Executive Leadership Team.

Prayer List | August 11, 2019

- **Michelle and Frank Schreck** (niece of Janet Winans) Frank is experiencing severe back and leg pain.
- **Sue Reed** – recovering from kidney stone treatment and hospitalization
- **Kim Booten** – remains hospitalized at Thomas.
- **Becky Dolph** – awaiting thyroid surgery and test results. (Jackie Dolph)

Others with health related issues or recovering from surgery, etc:

Abby, Jerry & Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Billie Brisendine, Bruce, Tina Clark, Warren Cooley, Pastor Frank, Doris Gerke, Jo Hartley, Earle Hunter, Roy “Hutch” Hutchison, Henry Latzke, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Jada McCallister, Megan, Bob Mitchell, Lori Nettles, Robert, Thresa Robinson, Stu Schwalm, Mary Shafer, Carmella Shaver, Jimmy Shelton, Margaret Ann Simpson, Marcella Stowers, Reid Strader, Megan Swartz, John Taylor, Taegan Witcher, Tim Wells

All diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia, and their caregivers;
All diagnosed with any form of Cancer; All diagnosed with any incurable (even if treatable) disease.

For our congregation - that we would pursue God’s will for us as His people gathered here to bring Him glory as we make disciples being help, hope, home in the body of Christ.

Email Prayer Chain Ministry

Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. -Galatians 6:2

Currently 85 people are on the list. Many will pray for those in need.

If you wish to participate in this ministry, please send an email or text to Nila Johnson, nila.johnson@gmail.com, or 304-553-6414

Readings for Next Sunday, August 25, 2019

Psalms 50:1-15

Isaiah 66:18-23

Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29)

Luke 13:22-30

Please welcome

into membership today...

JEFF & TINA CLARK



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given today by The Henstocks in celebration of their wedding anniversary on August 27.



ARISE SHINE! PARKING LOT LIGHTS INSTALLED AUGUST 21!

- 11 LED light fixtures x 20250 lumens each = 222,750 lumens!
- New lighting for the driveway sign illuminates automatically with a dusk-to-dawn sensor.
- More than 1/2 mile of new electrical cable, 250 feet of conduit , 150 feet of steel reinforcement rod, 5 tons of concrete!

New energy-efficient LED lights now burn bright atop four light poles in our parking lot.

You can operate the front parking lot lights by using timer switches located next to the maintenance closet by the front door. The two lights on the parking lot island by the entrance are operated via the electronic timer, and the light on the far island is operated using the mechanical timer. The light in the side parking lot uses a photo cell to turn on from dusk to dawn.

Thanks go to Ted Toler for doing most of the installation work and to a generous donor who provided funds for parking lot improvements.



MEET & EAT | Wednesday, September 4 • 11 a.m.

Mountain Pie on the River

Join us for food and fellowship at Mountain Pie (5930 MacCorkle Ave in St. Albans)

Please RSVP to Jackie or sign up in the connection center to make sure we have a good headcount.



Mission & Ministry Fair is Coming
September 22

If you are a team lead, we need your booklet info tomorrow!

Seven Questions with a Servant



1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Don Sager

2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF?

Lived here for 29 years, lived in Indiana before that. Met my spouse in college, reunited in another century in another millennia, after more than a quarter century without contact. I am retired, write children's books, do "Read Aloud" to 3 kindergarten classes, lecture at local universities and colleges.

3. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING/SERVING AT REDEEMER?

29 years

4. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU SERVE AT REDEEMER, WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE WAY?

Participate in Feed My Sheep, Secret Santa [Angel Tree], school backpacks and shoes programs, member of Board of Stewardship [Gifts and Resources Team], share

group member. Share group question and answers explains things and how others see things. Causes introspection on issues I might never have thought about.

5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?

Provides a life preserver to hold onto for stability and hope when the larger world around us seems to be a ship in a storm with a crew of self-absorbed idiots at the helm.

6. WHAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU NOT MANY FOLKS KNOW?

Wrote 2 children's books, have a published story in Indiana's Finest magazine, once held Indiana State Police record for 1 1/2 mile run, ran and actually finished the first Maryland Marathon when I was 15, carved rock sculptures in the church and on the disc golf course.

7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?

The sermons and share group.



Did you know Don has written two children's books? His first book published is **Sylar and the Sycamore Leaves**. His new book is titled **Sylar's Pack and the Bully Attack**. Both books are available via Amazon and various local bookstores.

New interviews post
Wednesdays on Facebook!

This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 8/25

9:30 a.m.	Summer Hiatus: Sunday Study	Various classrooms
10 a.m.	Redeemer's Refuge	WCHS 580
10:45 a.m.	Divine Worship	Sanctuary

MONDAY, 8/26

6:30 p.m.	Bible Study	Dan Mead	Large Classroom A
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WEDNESDAY, 8/28

8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Dan Mead	304.541.3221
3:30 p.m.	Announcements deadline	commdirector@redeemerwv.org	

THURSDAY, 8/29

6 p.m.	Cub Pack 152 Recruiting Night	Phil Gaarenstroom	
7:17 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Ed Booten	Sanctuary

To have your church-associated event added to the calendar or revised, please email the church office by Wednesday at commdirector@redeemerwv.org



On-going Reminders

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays

8/5	Bill Henstock	8/14	Dan Brammer	8/23	Amy Sisson
8/6	Jim McIntosh	8/17	Candy Joseph	8/24	Betty Lindmark
8/6	Brace Mullet, Jr	8/18	Gus Evans	8/26	Diana St. Charles
8/10	Lindsey Beckman	8/20	Lewis Walker	8/29	Nila Johnson
8/13	Leslie Koepsel	8/21	Hutch Hutchison		

Anniversaries

8/2	John and Lindsey Beckman	8/27	Bill and Marilyn Henstock
8/5	Ron and Kelly Reimert	8/28	Wayne and Dawn Chandler
8/22	Jim and Marlene Hanson		

DID WE MISS SOMEONE?

Please contact the church office with any changes or omissions

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Chart is in the office for those who would like to sign up to fund the flowers for Sunday morning. The cost is \$25 per vase and we encourage you to note any special celebration or 'in memory of' designation.

LOVE FUND & PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Please consider in your giving, these two funds. Redeemer's Love Fund helps those within our congregation, as Scripture says: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10) The Pastor's Discretionary Fund supports ad hoc ministry needs and the needs of the greater community. You can find envelopes for your contributions in the Connection Center.

AUGUST MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM

J.K. and Patricia Lilly - 304-382-4154

Team Members: Judy Knox and Barb Toler

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Assistive listening devices for use during the service are available at the media booth at the back of the church.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & GRAPE JUICE

Both are available for communion. Check with an elder or the pastor.

NOTE: A portion of today's service may be broadcast or streamed live or shown via recording. By entering the area, your consent is given to be photographed, filmed or otherwise recorded. The cameras are expected to capture most activities within the sanctuary space.

IN AN EMERGENCY:

Pastor Frank Ruffatto c: 704-608-4200

Don King, Elder c: 304-421-2064

J.K. Lilly, Elder c: 304-545-7668

Jim Siebel, Elder

Mike Sisson, Elder

Steve Winans, Elder

c: 304-541-3441

c: 304-550-3578

p: 304-757-3008

Concerning the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper was commanded by Jesus Himself. (**1 Corinthians 11:23-25**) It is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. We are also called upon to examine ourselves before participating in this holy meal. (**cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-29; Mathew 26:28; John 6:53-58**)

Q. Do you acknowledge your sins and are you willing to turn from them with the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit?

A. Yes, I acknowledge my sin and seek the Lord's mercy. (1 John 1:8-9)

Q. Do you believe that God, for Jesus' sake, has forgiven you all your sins?

A. Yes, Christ died for me and suffered the punishment that I deserved. (Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 6:21-23)

Q. Do you believe that the Lord offers Christians His body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins?

A. Yes, I believe the Scripture which teaches, "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (2 Corinthians 10:16)

Q. Why did Jesus willingly sacrifice Himself on behalf of lost and condemned sinners like us?

A. For His great love for the Father and for me and other sinners as it is revealed in John 3, John 11, Romans 5, and 1 John 3.

Q. Should Christians with weak faith receive the sacrament?

A. The Sacrament is especially offered for those of weak faith. (Isaiah 42:3; John 6:37)

Q. What conditions should cause a Christian to refrain from receiving the Sacrament?

A. Disbelief (Hebrews 11:6), unwillingness to forgive another (Matthew 6:14-15), hatred (John 4:19-21), a refusal to repent (Acts 17:30), and refusal to recognize the body and blood of the Lord in the Sacrament. (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

Q. How then, does the Christian live?

A. The entirety of the Christian's life is offered to the Lord as a "living sacrifice." (Romans 12:1-2)

Members of the LCMS and Redeemer Lutheran Church believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and affirm the statements above. If you agree, without reservation, to these statements above, you are invited to come to His Table. If you do not agree with one or more of these statements, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion. Our communion practice is not intended to offend or exclude, but is an expression of our concern for people and our high regard for the Sacrament as Christ instituted it. We encourage you to speak with our Pastor or Elders about any statement(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the Holy Supper and the process of joining our congregation.

Gluten-free communion wafers and grape juice are available. Speak with the pastor.