



# REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 24, 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

Reverend Frank C. Ruffatto, Pastor  
Mr. Ed Booten, Music Director  
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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.

# ANTHEM

Psalm 46 - God Is Our Refuge and Strength ..... Cherwein

Verses are sung by the choir.

REFRAIN is sung by the congregation.

## REFRAIN:

Choir:



The Lord of hosts is with us.

Congregation:



The God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

## READINGS

### Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13–18

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

### Epistle: Colossians 1:13–20

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 23:27–43

<sup>27</sup>There followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

SERMON HYMN

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is  
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is  
 3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The  
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With

crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -  
 His, is His by right, The King of kings and  
 Joy of all be - low, To whom He man - i -  
 all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev - er -

dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.  
 Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;  
 fests His love And grants His name to know.  
 last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below,  
 They reign with Him above,  
 Their profit and their joy to know  
 The myst'ry of His love.

The cross He bore is life and health,  
 Though shame and death to Him:  
 His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
 Their everlasting theme.

Text and tune: Public domain

## Sunday Servant Team

**THIS WEEK - November 24, 2019**

**Altar Prep:** Barb Eckerd  
**Communion:** Steve Winans & Alex McLaughlin  
**Usher Team:** Phil Brooks & Alex McLaughlin  
**Guest Connection:** TBA  
**Hospitality:** TEAM 1 (Joseph, King, Ruffatto, Wojcieszak)  
**Readers:** Jim Siebel & Sarah Shaver  
**Nursery:** Leslie Koepsel  
**Clean Up:** Alex McLaughlin & Mary Jo Hansen  
**A/V:** Mindy Simmons & Ted Toler  
**Prayer:** J.K. Lilly

**NEXT WEEK - December 1, 2019**

**Altar Prep:** Jackie Dolph  
**Communion:** Don King & John Eckerd  
**Usher Team:** Judy Knox & Dan Mead  
**Guest Connection:** TBA  
**Hospitality:** TEAM 2 (Clark, Mead, Reimert)  
**Readers:** Barb Toler & Dave Simmons  
**Nursery:** VACANT  
**Clean Up:** J.K. Lilly & Phil Brooks  
**A/V:** Phil Gaarenstroom & Dan Mead  
**Prayer:** Diana St. Charles

Jane Charnock maintains the Sunday Servant Team schedule. If you have a change to communicate, you can reach out to Jane (304) 541-2554

### Budget

	11/17/19	YTD
General Fund Revenue	5,031.00	237,976.32
Budget	5,287.40	243,220.40
Difference (\$ / %)	(256.40) / (4.8%)	(5,244.08) / (2.2%)
General Fund Expenses		240,649.94*
Revenues less Expenses		(2673.62)*
Worship Attendance	84	82.9

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

## Prayer List | November 24, 2019

**Jim and Marlene Hanson** Jim is hospitalized in ICU at CAMC Teays Valley with pneumonia; Marlene was scheduled to come home from physical rehab for a pelvis fracture on Friday.

**Alma Chapman** hospitalized at Thomas and will be entering hospice care soon.

**John Ruffatto** (father of Pastor Frank) remains in hospice care in North Carolina; experiencing the decline and rally cycle which often accompanies late-stage illness

**Terry** (friend of Marcia Schwalm) to undergo surgery to remove a non-functioning kidney

**Marcia Schwalm** working with doctors to manage medication side effects.

**Ron Reimert's Mom** released from hospital; test results were normal.

**Marian and Deby** (step-mother and step-sister of Tina Clark) Deby is handling much of the follow up logistics for Marian and Herb's recovery from various health issues. Marian will be beginning PT rehab as Herb finishes.

**Jim Farley** (friend of Jill Turner) facing lung surgery to remove a suspicious spot.

**Reid** (friend of Rick and Sarah Shaver) experiencing a significant setback following a severe stroke in late summer. The prognosis does not look good.

**Selena Heise** (niece of Patricia Lilly) breast cancer diagnosis and surgery in early December.

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

**Andrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Pastor Joel and Amanda Brandt, Billie Brisendine, Devona, Cosette Dickenson, Becca Dolph, Ethan, Gus Evans, Doris Gerke, Selena Heise, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Susan Hutchison, Ike Ingraham, Sue Kautz, Sherman Lineberg, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Jada McCallister, Bob Mitchell, John and Lisa Nazzaro, Lori Nettles, Herb Pauley, Marian Pauley, Thresa Robinson, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Richard Selmon, Carmella Shaver, Karl Shaver, Todd Turpin, Taegan Witcher**

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](mailto:nila.johnson@gmail.com), or 304-553-6414**

## Readings for Next Sunday, December 1, 2019

Psalm 8

Isaiah 60:1-6

Romans 13:8-14

Luke 1:68, 74-79



# Seven Questions with a Servant

**1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?**

Don King

**2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF (WHERE YOU'RE FROM, WHERE YOU WORK, ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, PETS, ETC)?**

I was born in Columbus Ohio and adopted at birth by my mother and father Donald and Juanita King. I was raised in Nitro, WV but left in 1985 to find work. I was a civilian employee for the Department of Defense and was stationed at the NATO Land Forces South East Headquarters in Izmir, Turkey ended up in the Pacific North West and retired from the Federal Way Police Department in 2006. Married to Angie and we have one dog, Maggie.

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

Four years

**4. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU OR HAVE YOU SERVE(D) AT REDEEMER AND WHICH IS/WAS YOUR FAVORITE WAY?**

I am part of the Drama Team, Choir, Board of Elders, and I am Also the Director of the Board for Peace Officer Ministries. I have also served on the board of Evangelism and one of JK's pancake guys. I am also tricked into being part many things here.

**5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?**

It has given me a sense of belonging to a family which I love.

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

I have been to 6 of the 7 churches of the Book of Revelation. You should come to Monday night Bible Study so we can talk about this.

**7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?**

I love the closeness and support the church gives to its members, and to the community.

[ Have an announcement? ]



[commdirector@redeemerwv.org](mailto:commdirector@redeemerwv.org)  
by Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. each week





## **Greening of the Church & Tree Trimming** **Saturday, November 30 | 9 a.m. - Noon**

All ages encouraged to come join us to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. We'll be following the trimming with a pizza lunch.



## **MEET & EAT SERVICE PROJECT |** **STUFFING SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS** **Wednesday, December 4 • 10 a.m.**

**Redeemer, then Olive Garden!**

You're invited to join us for a service project and lunch, December 4th!

We will begin promptly at 10a.m. at Redeemer where we will stuff warm socks with useful items (i.e. hand warmers, small size toiletries, snacks, etc) and tie pairs together with Christmas ribbon. These socks will be donated to people living on the streets of Charleston

This will be followed with lunch at The Olive Garden at 11:30a.m.

Please note the time change!

Everyone is invited to help with the service project or just meet us for lunch but it is important to RSVP so that enough seating is reserved at Olive Garden.

**RSVP: sign-up sheet on the information table or see Jackie Dolph (kadjmd1@aol.com or 304-345-4313.).**

**PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENT TIME THIS MONTH.**



Thursdays  
on  
NEWLIFE 94.5

## REDEEMER First Friday FELLOWSHIP



### WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW:

1. **INVITE** your family, neighbors, and friends. Register at [f3wv.org](http://f3wv.org)
2. **VOLUNTEER.** There is a meeting today after church!
3. **TALK IT UP on social media** - like posts, share posts, comment!  
The more you engage, the more people will see our posts!
4. **PRAY.** As always, we ask that you pray, pray, pray for all we are doing at Redeemer to bring the Gospel to folks. Pray that the right folks will be prompted to volunteer (maybe that's you??). Pray that folks who need to hear and feel the love of Christ are brought to us. Pray that God makes the ground fertile for our words, actions and all our love for our community.

**SERVANT VOLUNTEER MEETING  
AFTER CHURCH TODAY!**



## **DEADLINE: Sunday, December 15**

We are collecting donations of food to provide 10 area families with food baskets this Christmas.

Suggested items are listed below but any non-perishable items can be used.

Please have all donations to the church by **Sunday, December 15**. This gives us time to purchase items still needed to fill out the baskets.

**Baskets/Angel Tree gifts/Towels will be handed out Sunday, December 22.** If you would like to volunteer to help hand out the baskets or to deliver baskets to families who cannot come to Redeemer for pickup contact Barb Eckerd.

**Thank you.**

## **FOOD LIST**

Christmas Candy  
or Cookies

Canned Yams

Green Beans

Corn

Instant Mashed  
Potatoes

Gravy

Corn Muffin Mix

Hot Chocolate Mix

Canned Pineapple

Macaroni and Cheese

Marshmallows



Redeemer provides Christmas gifts for the children of the families receiving food baskets. The child's name, clothing sizes and toy requests are listed on an angel hanging on the small Christmas tree located on a table in the Narthex. Please select an angel(s) from the tree and sign your name next to name of the child on the sign-up sheet. **Gifts should be wrapped and brought to the church by Sunday, December 15th.**

**Questions: See Barb Eckerd.**



## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS | DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18**

### **Order your poinsettias to decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve Service!**

Order your poinsettias (\$10 per plant - 6" pot) to decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve Service!

Plants may be taken home following the Christmas Eve Service.

#### **HOW TO RESERVE YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:**

- 1. Complete the sign up form in the narthex indicating quantity.**
- 2. Make checks to Redeemer Lutheran Church with "poinsettias" in the memo.**
- 3. Drop your check in the offering plate.**

*See Jackie Dolph if you have questions.*



We are collecting new towels and wash cloths to give to the families receiving Christmas food baskets from Redeemer. Our goal is to be able to give at least one towel and wash cloth per family.

**Questions: See Barb Toler.**

A pink spatula with a wooden handle. The spatula head is pink and has the text "There are no small acts of LOVE" written on it in white. The spatula is positioned vertically on the left side of the pink scalloped-edged box.

*Martha Ministry*

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. – Galatians 6:10*

**PURPOSE:**  
To comfort church members who are sick or in need by preparing and delivering meals.

**DECEMBER MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM**  
**Leaders: Emily and Dan Mead – 304.951.8047**  
Jane Charnock – 304.342.3711  
Sarah Shaver – 304.419.3808

***Beginning December 1, please contact one of the team members if you know of someone in our Redeemer family in need of a meal.***



## This Week at Redeemer

### **SUNDAY, 11/24**

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

### **MONDAY, 11/25**

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6:30	Revelation Bible Study	JK Lilly & Dan Mead	Large Classroom A
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### **TUESDAY, 11/26**

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6:30	Siebel Share Group	Jim or Teresa Siebel	Siebel Home
6:30	Lilly Bible Study	Patricia Lilly	Lilly Home

### **WEDNESDAY, 11/27**

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8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Dan Mead	304.541.3221
3:30 p.m.	Announcement Deadline	commdirector@redeemerwv.org	
7 p.m.	Dolph Share Group	Kurt or Jackie Dolph	Dolph Home

### **FRIDAY, 11/29**

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8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Dan Mead	304.541.3221
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### **SATURDAY, 11/30**

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9 a.m.	Greening of the church	Sanctuary
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### **SUNDAY, 12/1**

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

**To have your announcement or church-associated event added to the calendar or revised, please email the church office by Wednesday at 3:30 commdirector@redeemerwv.org**

# On-going Reminders

## UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

11/25 Pat Walker

11/29 Ron Sheets

11/30 Rachel Evans

### 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.

## NOVEMBER MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM

**Leader: J.K. & Patricia Lilly – 304.382.4154 or 304.545.7668**

Tee Boyd – 304.539.6500; Barb Eckerd – 304.344.9309;

Candy Joseph – 304.543.0529; Kris Mills – 304.380.6986; Sheri Moore – 304.549.0104

## 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

Jim Siebel, Elder

c: 304-541-3441

Don King, Elder

c: 304-421-2064

Mike Sisson, Elder

c: 304-550-3578

J.K. Lilly, Elder

c: 304-545-7668

Steve Winans, Elder

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.**