



## REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 29, 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.

## Sunday Servant Team

**THIS WEEK - September 29, 2019**

<b>Altar Prep:</b>	Jane Charnock
<b>Communion:</b>	JK Lilly & Don King
<b>Usher Team:</b>	Judy Knox & Dan Mead
<b>Guest Connection:</b>	Teresa & Jim Siebel and Patty Loos
<b>Hospitality:</b>	TEAM 2 (Joseph, King, Ruffatto, Wojcieszak)
<b>Readers:</b>	Alex McLaughlin & Dan Mead
<b>Nursery:</b>	VACANT
<b>Clean Up:</b>	JK Lilly & Phil Brooks
<b>A/V:</b>	Ted Toler & Mindy Simmons
<b>Prayer:</b>	JK Lilly

**NEXT WEEK - October 6, 2019**

<b>Altar Prep:</b>	Sarah Shaver
<b>Communion:</b>	Jim Siebel & John Eckerd
<b>Usher Team:</b>	Steve Koepsel & Ron Reimert
<b>Guest Connection:</b>	Cosette Dickenson & VACANT
<b>Hospitality:</b>	TEAM 3 (Chapman, Clark, Mead, Reimert)
<b>Readers:</b>	Matt & Zachary Giertz
<b>Nursery:</b>	Claire Walker
<b>Clean Up:</b>	Dawn Chandler & Alma Chapman
<b>A/V:</b>	Phil Gaarenstroom & Dan Mead
<b>Prayer:</b>	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

### **Readings for Next Sunday, October 6, 2019**

Psalm 62; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTARTS**

*Next Week*

**OCTOBER 6**

## Prayer List | September 29, 2019

**Pastor Joel and Amanda Brandt** (friends of Pastor Frank and Kelli) Joel was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Joel and Mandy are also coaches with Pastoral Leadership Institute.

**Jackie** (Jo Hartley's mother) scheduled to undergo a heart catheterization on Monday.

**Diana and Tony** (friends of Sheila Sheets' daughter) Tony underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery and has now been removed from the ventilator and is improving.

**Rose Wendling's Family** - various individual needs.

**Keith's family** – Barbara, Tom & Adam acquaintance of Kelly Reimert

**Ike Ingraham** - fell, injured shoulder

**Addison** (4-year-old granddaughter of Shelia Sheets' friend) born with brain damage and experiences other medical struggles, but defies odds and is growing and learning sign language.

**Diana and Tony** (friends of Sheila Sheets' daughter) Tony underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery.

**Sandy McKinney** (mother of Kelly Gray) stroke rehab going well, but a long road lies ahead. Kelly also needs rest.

**Herb Pauley** (father of Tina Clark) now residing at a skilled nursing facility for rehab for blood clots. He is experiencing confusion and agitation.

**Amy Brown** (visited Redeemer from Huntington) was scheduled for gall bladder surgery Friday. (9/20)

**Josiah Martin** (son of Elizabeth Battle) was scheduled for wisdom teeth consultation Monday 9/23.

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

**Abigail Jo, Andrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Peggy Bowles, Billie Brisendine, Warren Cooley, Kevin Cutler, Becky Dolph, Pastor Frank, Doris Gerke, Paula & Frank Hammond, Jo Hartley, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Susan Hutchison, Henry Latzke, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Jada McCallister, Phyllis Miscovich, Bob Mitchell, Lori Nettles, Thresa Robinson, Stu Schwalm, Carmella Shaver, Karl Shaver, Todd Turpin, Taegan Witcher, Chris Wyman**

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**

# DID YOU HEAR THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS (even if you don't have investments with Thrivent)?

## Here's how Action Teams work:

If you are a Thrivent benefit member or associate member, think about an unmet need in our community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fund raiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 120 days.

Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit that includes:

- Thrivent Action Team T-shirts and other goodies to help your team.
- A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact

## Not a member of Thrivent?

Even if you do not wish to move investments to Thrivent, you can join as an Associate member. For just under \$20 a year, you can apply for Action Team assistance! That's a pretty good deal. **A \$20 investment to apply to get a \$250 gift card to use for your action.**

Go here: <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/>

to download an application or apply on-line.

If you want to invest with Thrivent, please reach out to someone on the Gifts and Resources Team, starting with Janet Winans.

## Thrivent Members

Log in to your account and look for the Action Teams page.

If you need more help, get in touch with someone on the Gifts and Resources Team, starting with Janet Winans.



**THRIVENT**  
Be Wise With Money™

## Budget

	9/22/19	YTD
General Fund Revenue	4,409.01	195,349.91
Budget	5,287.40	200,921.20
Difference (\$ / %)	(878.39) / (16.6%)	(5,571.29) / (2.8%)
General Fund Expenses		180,744.64*
Revenues less Expenses		14,605.27*
Worship Attendance	77	83

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



## GIFTS & RESOURCES TEAM | STEWARDSHIP BOARD

**The Gifts and Resources Team**, also known as the Stewardship Board, primarily assists other teams resource activities with time, talents, and treasures.

### ACTIVITIES

- Prepare a draft budget for the Leadership Council
- Encouraging participation in the Strengths, Talents, and Skills Inventory
- Inform with regard to AmazonSmile Program, Kroger Plus Program, Thrivent Choice, and Thrivent Action Teams.

### TO PLUG IN, CONTACT:

Janet Winans  
(304) 757-3008  
winans7plus3@hotmail.com

Have you completed the Strengths,  
Talents, and Skills Inventory?



Congregational Care and Gospel Sharing Focus Areas

# Spotlight



## WORSHIP ARTS | DRAMA TEAM

One of Redeemer's Worship Arts Teams, **the Drama Team**, performs dramas or skits occasionally which enhance or support the Sunday morning messages. The team meets as needed for rehearsals as needs arise.



From the skit, *God is Going on Strike* presented September 22, 2019 to support the Mission & Ministry Fair

### TO PLUG IN, CONTACT:

Mike Sisson

(304) 550-3578

mikesisson1958@gmail.com



Gospel Sharing and  
Worship & Spiritual  
Growth Focus Areas

## BY THE NUMBERS: The Mission & Ministry Fair

# 77

ATTENDED  
CHURCH

# 29%

SIGNED UP for  
at least 1 ACTIVITY



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers are given today by Ted Toler in celebration of Barb's Birthday.



## **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**

**Deadline: October 20**

We are currently accepting donations for college care packages which will be sent out in October. We have 7 students this year, so 7 of each item would be appreciated. Suggestions include:

- Sweet or salty snacks (e.g. microwave popcorn, crackers, candy, etc)
- Single serving microwavable items
- Breakfast on the go items (pop tarts, breakfast bars, granola bars, etc)
- Personal care items (pocket tissues, hand sanitizer, travel size toiletries, etc)
- Personal notes of encouragement, stamps, etc.

Please bring your donations by October 20. Monetary donations for mailing expenses are also accepted.

**If your child is away at college and would enjoy receiving a package from their church family here at Redeemer please provide their name and address to Jackie Dolph ([kadjm1@aol.com](mailto:kadjm1@aol.com)).**





# Seven Questions with a Servant

## 1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Greg Bradford

## 2. WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF?

Born in Wisconsin, retired from 40 years at the WVDOH, married to Elizabeth, three sons, two granddaughters, one dog, one cat, three cockatiels

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

56 years

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

Choir member, song leader, elder, trustee, stewardship board, president of congregation, VP of congregation, Sunday school teacher (adult, Jr. high), Sunday school superintendent, treasurer. Favorite is treasurer.

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

Led me to grow in my faith

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

I collect classic comic books

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

Pastor's biblical teaching

New interviews  
post Wednesdays  
on Facebook!

## Hospitality Team Updated Calendar

SEPTEMBER 29 | Team 1  
Joseph, King, Ruffatto, Wojcieszak

OCTOBER 6 | Chapman, Clark,  
Mead, Reimert

OCTOBER 13 | Team 3  
Beckman, Dolph, Henstock, McIntosh

OCTOBER 20 | Team 4  
Boyd, Lilly, Mills

OCTOBER 27 | Team 5  
Charnock, Giertz, Siebel, Blessing

NOVEMBER 3 | Team 6  
Chandler, Gaarenstroom, Toler

NOVEMBER 10 | Team 7  
JK's Pancake Guys

NOVEMBER 17 | Team 8  
Corey, Hackman, Johnson,  
Knox, Moore



## This Week at Redeemer

### **SUNDAY, 9/29**

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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, 9/30**

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6:30	Revelation Bible Study	Large Classroom A
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### **TUESDAY, 10/1**

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6:30	Siebel Share Group	Siebel Home
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### **WEDNESDAY, 10/2**

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8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Dan Mead	304.541.3221
3:30 p.m.	Announcement Deadline		

### **THURSDAY, 10/3**

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11 a.m.	1st & 3rd Thursday Share Group	The Hackmans	304.543.3279
6 p.m.	Cub Den Meetings		Various classrooms
7 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting		Large Classroom A
7:17 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Ed Booten	Sanctuary

### **FRIDAY, 10/4**

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6:30 p.m.	First Friday Fellowship
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**To have your church-associated event added to the calendar or revised, please email the church office by Wednesday at [commdirector@redeemerwv.org](mailto:commdirector@redeemerwv.org)**



# On-going Reminders

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS:

### Birthdays

10/1 John Taylor	10/12 Tina Grabosky
10/1 Claire Walker	10/20 Anthony McIntosh
10/6 Jim Henderson	10/23 Kim Booten
10/7 Jamie Dickenson	10/30 Brien Chase
10/11 Patty Loos	10/30 Marlene Hanson

### Anniversaries

10/1 Don & Angie King
10/14 Stu & Marcia Schwalm
10/19 Roy & Betty Lindmark

### 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.

### OCTOBER MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM

**Leader: Jackie Dolph – 304.345.4313**

Lindsey Beckman – 304.549.0082, Marilyn Henstock – 304.343.0907,

Jennifer McIntosh – 304.541.7588

### 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.**