



REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019



INTROIT *Ps. 119:137-140, 142;*
antiphon: Ps. 119:144

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;*
give me understanding that | I may live.

Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness*
and in all | faithfulness.

My zeal con- | sumes me,*
because my foes for- | get your words.

Your promise is | well tried,*
and your servant | loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,*
and your | law is true.

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.

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;*
give me understanding that | I may live.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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

September 22: Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18; 1 Tim. 5:1-16; **23:** Neh. 9:1-21; 1 Tim. 5:17-6:2; **24:** Neh. 9:22-38; 1 Tim. 6:3-21; **25:** Mal. 1:1-14; Matt. 3:1-17; **26:** Mal. 2:1-3:5; Matt. 4:1-11; **27:** Mal. 3:6-4:6; Matt. 4:12-25; **28:** Deut. 1:1-18; Matt. 5:1-20.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 49:1–6

Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention,
you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother
he named my name.
He made my mouth
like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand
he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me,
“You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for
nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from
the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might
be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes
of the LORD,
and my God has become
my strength—
he says:
“It is too light a thing that you
should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved
of Israel;
I will make you as a light
for the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the end of the earth.”

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 10:19–25

Therefore, brothers, since we
have confidence to enter the holy
places by the blood of Jesus, by the
new and living way that he opened
for us through the curtain, that is,
through his flesh, and since we have
a great priest over the house of God,
let us draw near with a true heart
in full assurance of faith, with our
hearts sprinkled clean from an evil
conscience and our bodies washed
with pure water. Let us hold fast
the confession of our hope without
wavering, for he who promised is
faithful. And let us consider how
to stir up one another to love and
good works, not neglecting to meet
together, as is the habit of some, but
encouraging one another, and all the
more as you see the Day drawing near.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:13–16

“You are the salt of the earth, but
if salt has lost its taste, how shall its
saltiness be restored? It is no longer
good for anything except to be thrown
out and trampled under people’s feet.

“You are the light of the world. A
city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Nor do people light a lamp and put it
under a basket, but on a stand, and it
gives light to all in the house. In the
same way, let your light shine before
others, so that they may see your good
works and give glory to your Father
who is in heaven.

Sunday Servant Team

THIS WEEK - September 22, 2019

Altar Prep:	Sarah Shaver
Communion:	Steve Winans & Alex McLaughlin
Usher Team:	Phil Brooks & Alex McLaughlin
Guest Connection:	Fred & Candy Joseph and Bill Henstock
Hospitality:	TEAM 1 (Hackman Johnson, Knox, Moore)
Readers:	Ted Toler & Sheri Moore
Nursery:	Leslie Koepsel
Clean Up:	Alex McLaughlin & Mary Jo Hansen
A/V:	Phil Gaarenstroom & Dan Mead
Prayer:	Dan Mead

NEXT WEEK - September 29, 2019

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

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

Readings for Next Sunday, September 29, 2019

Psalm 91
Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3
Revelation 12:7-12
Matthew 18:1-11

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Restarts
OCTOBER 6

Prayer List | September 22, 2019

- **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 Thursday, and is still considered "critical".
- **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) wisdom teeth consultation Monday.
- **Abigail Jo (aka "Plum")** (granddaughter of Mary Jo Hanson and Alex McLaughlin) ultrasound test results are normal.
- **Susan Hutchison** fractured her arm; no cast, only lifting restrictions.
- **Liz Albitz** (sister of Carol Smith) whose husband, Jerry, passed into eternity.
- **Karl Shaver** in need of a new job.
- **Phyllis Miscovich** (sister of Janet Winans) receiving treatment for an oral ulcer.
- **Paula & Frank Hammond** (friends of Sarah Shaver) Paula facing surgery and accompanying depression; Frank is taking on housework and caretaking of Paula and a disabled adult sister.

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

Andrea Akers, Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Peggy Bowles, Billie Brisendine, Warren Cooley, Kevin Cutler, Becky Dolph, Pastor Frank, Doris Gerke, Jo Hartley, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Henry Latzke, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Jada McCallister, Bob Mitchell, Lori Nettles, Thresa Robinson, Stu Schwalm, Carmella 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, or 304-553-6414



ADDRESSES NEEDED!

If your child is away at college, we would like to send them a “care package” from their church family here at Redeemer. Please send their name, address, school and field of study to Jackie Dolph (kadjmd1@aol.com).

We will begin collecting donations of items to send in a couple of weeks after we know how many there are.



Skills & Talents Inventory

Thanks for completing the inventory!

The inventory is a tool to help us as the body of Christ to “bear one another’s burdens.” (cf. Galatians 6:2)

Your participation in this inventory also helps us to see how God is weaving His body here at Redeemer – what is our identity in His body. So that, as He continues to bless us we can be a blessing to others. A notebook with the compiled information is now available for review in the reading room.

If you are junior high age or older and have not filled out the inventory, you may do so by navigating to the url below or by picking up a copy at the Mission and Ministry Fair and returning the completed form to **Cosette Dickenson**.



Please complete the inventory online at:
redeemerwv.org/inventory

Budget

	9/8/2019	9/15/19	YTD
General Fund Revenue	3,977.00	6,056.11	190,940.90
Budget	5,287.40	5,287.40	195,633.80
Difference (\$ / %)	(1,310.40) / (24.8%)	768.71 / 14.5%	(4,692.90) / (2.4%)
General Fund Expenses			180,744.64*
Revenues Less Expenses			10,196.26*
Worship Attendance	73	77	83.3

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



Plug in.

Mission & Ministry Fair Today

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

1. Attend and learn about at least one ministry area less familiar to you;
2. Encourage the existing leaders by attending, interacting, asking questions, and sharing your gratitude and enthusiasm for their commitment, leadership, and hard work;
3. Take home one of the Ministries Overview booklets;
4. Prayerfully consider getting plugged in to at least one ministry area; and
5. Linger and get to know your Redeemer family members a little better.

THRIVENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE IN THE HOUSE TODAY

As a part of our Mission & Ministry Fair, we've asked our area's Thrivent reps, Blake Richards and Joy Durst to join us today to answer questions about Thrivent services and how Thrivent supports its members who volunteer to lead "Action Teams" to meet unmet community needs – a great potential partnership for our ministry teams!

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 fundraiser, 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

Make sure to catch up with Blake and Joy at the Gifts & Resources Team Table!



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Seven Questions with a Servant

1. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Jo Hartley

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

I'm from right here in South Charleston WV. I taught k-12 music in both Kanawha and Grant Counties in WV and upon returning to Kanawha County became an Elementary Music Specialist until I was forced to medically resign in 2012. No spouse or kids, but I like to say I have many kids if I count all the kids I've had the privilege of working with in both public schools and here at Redeemer. I also have at least partial custody of a silly little white cat named Sookie who makes regular appearances on Facebook!

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

Hmm...I'm not exactly sure how many years but it was shortly after Ed Booten became Music Director. He invited me to attend a choir rehearsal and I've never looked back since.

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

Music Ministry...choir, song leader, praise team/band, drama team,

special music, children's Christmas programs, VBS, church custodian.

I love it all but I think my favorite was directing the Children's Christmas Musicals. I really miss having the kids to do those kinds of productions.

5. HOW HAS SERVING AT REDEEMER IMPACTED YOU?

Tremendously!! Even more so than I realize. Recently when illness and other circumstances have kept me away longer than I've intended, there has been a huge hole inside me. I didn't even know how big a part of me was missing until I stepped back inside those doors. Being with and serving my Redeemer family is everything.

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

Silly, but I worry that not many people know I'm deaf in my left ear. I always worry that someone will say something to me on my left side and I won't answer and they will think I'm a snob. I'm not! Honest! I'm just deaf in that ear!

7. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT REDEEMER?

The people! They aren't always the same people...I mean people have moved away and new people have come...but the constant has been that Redeemer people really are like family. Friendly, funny, supportive... family.

New interviews post
Wednesdays on Facebook!

This Week at Redeemer

SUNDAY, 9/22

9:30 a.m.	Mission & Ministry Fair	
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
Noon	Mission & Ministry Picnic	

MONDAY, 9/23

6:30	Revelation Bible Study	Large Classroom A
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WEDNESDAY, 9/25

8 a.m.	Men's Share Group	Dan Mead	304.541.3221
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THURSDAY, 9/26

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

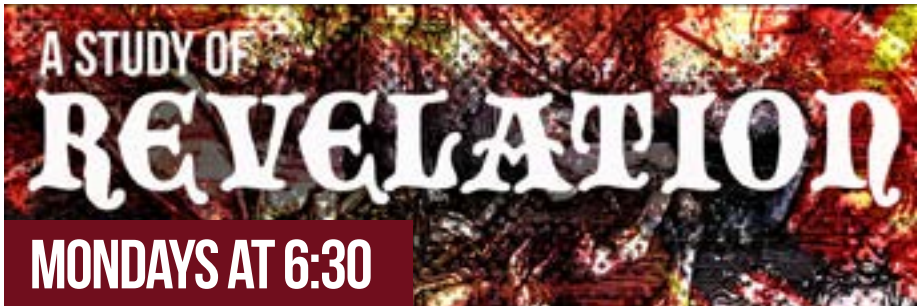
SATURDAY, 9/28

evening	Private Birthday Party
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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

When?

When does your group re-start after its Summer Hiatus?
Let us know: commdirector@redeemerwv.org



On-going Reminders

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays

9/4 Emily Mead	9/10 Leo Fredeking	9/26 Edith Chatfield
9/4 Harold Reed	9/11 Rose Wendling	9/26 Katie Shaver
9/5 Marie Marcum	9/18 Becky Dolph	9/26 Barb Toler
9/6 Mike Blessing	9/19 Barb Eckerd	9/27 Cory Reimert
9/6 Rachel Fredeking	9/20 Phil Gaarenstroom	9/28 Genevieve Jeffers
9/8 Kurt Dolph	9/23 Jim Hanson	9/28 Dean Trierwiler
9/10 Ed Booten	9/25 David Smith	

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.

SEPTEMBER MARTHA MINISTRY TEAM

Elaine Hackman - (304)-543-3279, leader

Holly Evans (248) 765-3563; Judy Knox (304) 546-6741; Barb Toler (304) 550-8265;
Cosette Dickenson - (304) 541-8683r

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.