

RLC Newsletter

November 2018

RUMMAGE SALE PREP CREW

A message from Pastor Allman by Pastor David Allman

In this country there may be a epidemic spiritual called SABBATICUS." "MORBUS In laymen's terms, it is known as "Sunday Morning Sickness." The symptoms are quite interesting. It never interferes with the appetite or affects the eyes. The Sunday newspaper can be read with no pain. And watching television seems to help the victim. The only symptom is that one cannot get up and go to church.

Strangely one usually does not feel it on Saturday. Yet it hits when Sunday morning comes. And it never lasts more than 24 hours. About the time Sunday morning services are over, the patient feels better. Monday morning, the patient is able to get up and go about the day's activities. Also it has a way of striking again the next Sunday.

And after a few weekly "attacks," it may become chronic.

I cannot tell you how many times in my career someone has told me that they do not need to worship God in a building; and, that they can worship God just as easily doing ______ (you fill in the blank). I do not argue with these people. In fact, one man asked me why I was not going to argue with him. I did not rise to that bait which I thought would start an argument.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT) reads, "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another."

Let me tell you what I think people may miss out on when

they do not join in with a worshipping community. Two primary things are listed in the above reading: (1) motivating one another to acts of love and good works; and, (2) encouraging one another. People without a church home can do acts of love and good works; they may even have someone to encourage them. One does not necessarily negate the other. Both things can be true.

I wonder though, who motivates them to acts of love and good works, and who encourages with intentionality. them wonder, do they have to go looking for someone to do these things when the time comes? I wonder, where would they go to look for someone if not in the Church? Where does one find spiritual support, if not in a Church? Again am not

suggesting it is impossible for them, although (IMHO) the Church is the obvious place for that to happen.

California redwood trees are the tallest and oldest trees in the world. They stand hundreds of feet high and some of them are said to be over 2,500 years old. As a result, you would think that redwoods have tremendous root systems reaching deep down into the earth. Compared to other trees, redwoods do not have many roots and they do not go very deep. Yet the redwoods have stood for centuries. because their roots are intertwined and interwoven with each other. So when the winds redwoods blow. the stand. because they are linked and locked to each other, holding one another up.

Just as with the redwood trees Christians are stronger together. When something feels overwhelming for one person, it could be accomplished easily by two. Ecclesiastes 4:9, 12 reads, "Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed... Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." Imagine how much easier when a whole community works together.

"...let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another" (Hebrews 10:25).



News from the Office Administrator November 2018

We are in full swing here at Redeemer! This month WELCA begins their general meeting schedule on the 14th beginning at 9:30 AM with a presentation on Fire Prevention. All are invited, including our gentleman!

On the 13th A. J. Cipperly from Inspired Living will be here with a presentation on Dementia. I have heard her speak and she is dynamic. I learned so much about dementia from the perspective of a patient. I learned useful strategies to be helpful for those who are suffering and their caregivers. I highly recommend the presentation to all.

Hopefully by now you have had a chance to check out the remodeled library. Coming soon will be a mini art gallery for you to enjoy, featuring the work of some of our members. We are continuing to accept donations to cover the cost of the new couches. To contribute, designate your gift on the memo line of your check, on your offering envelope, or see Susan or Kadie.

Our Visitation/Communion Teams continue to reach out to our members in need with companionship and communion. Our parish nurses are providing support to our members with medical issues. If you know of anyone who needs visiting or help with a medical question, or if you would like to be one of our volunteers providing care. please feel free to contact me carekeepersccr@gmail.com or call the church office at 813-634-1292. Our list of folks who are homebound keeps increasing and we could use more team members to visit them, particularly men to visit other men.

Upcoming Events:

Thursdays at 10:00 AM – Bible Study in Buhr Hall. Refreshments will be served!

Thursday Nov. 1 from 1:00-3:00 PM – Medicare Changes 2019 Presentation

Sunday Nov. 4 following Worship – Thrivent Appreciation Celebration

Tuesday Nov. 13 at 11:30 am – Dementia Presentation by A.J. Cipperly of Inspired Living. Lunch will be served. FREE!

Wednesday Dec. 5 from 5:00 -7:00 PM- Christmas Cheer & Carols

Monday Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm – South Shore Concert Band will be here with a Christmas concert! This will be a ticket only (free ticket) event to control the crowd this time. More news to come!

Tuesday Jan. 15 – Hearing Loss and the Aging Brain

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP

What is the purpose of asking people to give money to the church?

Some would say the purpose is to pay the church's bills.

Others would say that the purpose is to give back to God a portion of what God gives to us.

Churches across the USA ask people to contribute in three different ways.

- **1.** Offerings No annual financial stewardship campaign. People in these congregations give an average of 1.5% of their income to support the church.
- 2. Pledging leaders propose a budget and members write pledges on a card toward their perceived portion of the budget. People in these congregations give an average of 2.9% of their income to support the church.
- **3.** Percentage-giving prior to any budgeting process people are asked, "What percentage of income do you feel God is calling you to give?" People translate that into a dollar amount and write it onto an "Estimate of Giving" card. The church creates the spending plan by totaling the cards. People in these churches give an average of 4.6% to support their church.

Rather than requesting financial contributions to "pay the bills" or "support the budget" for 2019 we will be asking people to grow spiritually by giving a percentage of their income to the Lord's work through Redeemer. As part of our continuing effort to "Grow in Faith" (Part two of our Mission Statement) we will be using a tool called "Consecration Sunday."

The goal of this tool is to teach us the faithful management of all that God gives so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually and to extend Christ's transforming love to others. Jesus said, "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires

of your heart will also be" (Luke 12:34, NLT). Financial stewardship is treasure management that helps us to escape the trap of selfishness by keeping ourselves spiritually focused on God.

Jesus' statement (above) contends that each Christian makes one of two choices in life. We either become emotionally attached to our money, or we become emotionally attached to the God who gives us our money. Although we often hope to do both, in our hearts we know that cannot happen. Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money" (Mt 6:24, NIV).

Why are annual stewardship campaigns essential? People do not drift into good giving habits. They decide into them. The reason they decide is because someone asks them to decide. An effective annual stewardship campaign is the best way to ask. Annual stewardship campaigns refuel church members' education regarding the spiritual connection between money and God.

The Council believes that the best tool to reintroduce the stewardship campaign to Redeemer is through "Consecration Sunday." More information will be coming to you before the end of the year.



Social Ministry & Benevolence Thank you!

James A Haley Hospital Volunteer Staff was grateful to accept the benevolence check from our congregation. This money will enhance their program for the holiday party.

Through the Thrivent team and the generosity of the congregation, we were able to provide many items on their wish list. We want to thank the DAV van driver who delivered all the items to the hospital.

May God bless this group of volunteers who work hard to enhance the patients and their families. May the patients feel God's healing powers.

Blessings, Social Ministry Team

Social Ministry Project

Gifts for Good Samaritan Mission's Annual Christmas Blessing Outreach Event

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting donations of toys/gifts for boys and girls of the families involved in the GSM Adult Education Program. GSM students save tokens earned by taking classes or doing volunteer work throughout the year. Your donated toy/gift will be given a token value and the Moms and Dads will shop for toys with their tokens at the event. Some suggestions include: dolls, cars, trains, trucks, soccer balls, Lego/Duplo sets, Barbie dolls, preschool toys, bicycles (with helmets), remote control cars/vehicles, action figures, craft kits, and teen gifts (toiletry gift sets, watches, electronics, hair styling products, perfume, make-up, purses, jewelry, earbuds, headphones, cell phone cases and accessories). The staff and volunteers at GSM hope that with our help they can "surpass the previous number of donated toys, making this the best. year. ever!" If you would like a member of the Social Ministry team to shop for you, please make your check out to Redeemer and write Good Samaritan Mission (or GSM) gifts on the memo line and on the outside of your offering envelope.

The Good Samaritan Mission is a charitable, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3), Christian ministry established in 1984. The Mission is dedicated to a holistic approach to enhancing the spiritual, emotional and

physical quality of life for those living in poverty. They currently serve the community by offering a food pantry through their incentivized Adult Education Program, post-secondary scholarships, and Back to School and Christmas Outreach Events.

The Good Samaritan Mission office is now located at 767 Cortaro Drive, Sun City Center, Florida 33573.

Website: gsmission.org

Benevolence November 2018

Lutheran Disaster Response

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, v. 3 (ELW 656)

Lutheran Disaster Response, a branch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Lutheran Disaster Response would not exist if it were not for the thousands, if not millions, of people who make an impact by getting involved. Whether efforts are financial support, volunteering or helping to prepare communities for disasters, lives and livelihoods are improved.

Please join us to help Lutheran Disaster Response by making your benevolence donation in a check to Redeemer Lutheran Church and noting LDR on the memo line and on the outside of your offering envelope.

Website: www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/

With Gratitude and Blessings,

Social Ministry Team

November Evangelism

Yuri Gagarin, one of the early Russian cosmonauts, is often quoted as saying he looked out the window in space and did not see God. There is a more likely possibility that the quote originated from Nikita Khrushchev's speech at the plenum of the Central Committee of the CPSU about the state's anti-religion campaign. Gagarin himself was a member of the Russian Orthodox Church, so it is unlikely he would have freely made such a statement.

Sometimes I wonder why people become so adamant in their anti-religion rhetoric. Especially when more and more believers are restrained about talking to others about their faith. Statistically 86% of people who join churches do so because a friend invited them. This held true for the last group of new members we recognized in September. If regular members stop inviting others, then the church will simply die from apathy without the help of non-believers.

A book I am currently reading for my Seminary class introduced me to "apophatic theology." I know it is a brain twister. Basically it means trying to describe God with a sentence like "God is not _____." Such as, God is not visible. God is not tangible. God is not constrained by space and time. God is not scientifically demonstrable.

I watched a video interview on this topic and the person being interviewed said it must be very difficult to be an atheist because one must first define what God is before one can prove that God does not exist. Some non-believers will say that God does not exist because science cannot prove God exists. I guess the opposite must also be true; science cannot prove God does not exist. While science has many benefits, it is not where I place my ultimate trust.

Where do you place your ultimate trust? Is your ultimate trust in government? Is your ultimate trust

in science? Is your ultimate trust in family? Is your ultimate trust in yourself? Is your ultimate trust in money and possessions? Is your ultimate trust in what you are able to control? Is your ultimate trust in what you alone can accomplish?

Is your ultimate trust in a God "for whom all things are possible?" (Mark 10:27). Do you trust like the Apostle Paul who said, "I can do all things through (God) who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Or do you believe you can do all things through (God) who strengthens you except invite a neighbor, friend or relative to come to church and see for themselves?

"Come and see;" it is simple evangelism, and it is biblical. Jesus said it to two of John the Baptist's disciples. Philip said it to Nathaniel. The Samaritan woman said it to the people of her village after meeting Jesus at the well. It is so simple that any believer can do it. There is no cost. There are no classes to take. There are no books to read. You do not have to be a theologian. You simply invite someone to "come and see" for themselves. I encourage you, for the sake of the Church, to give it a try.



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CAROTID ARTERY DISEASE

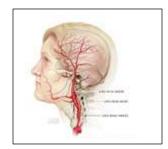
From Parish Nurse Team

Carotid artery disease occurs when fatty deposits (plaques) clog the blood vessels that deliver blood to your brain and head (carotid arteries). The blockage increases your risk of stroke, a medical emergency that occurs when the blood supply to the brain is interrupted or seriously reduced.

Symptoms

In its early stages, carotid artery disease often doesn't produce any signs or symptoms. The condition may go unnoticed until it's serious enough to deprive your brain of blood, causing a stroke or TIA. Signs and symptoms of a stroke or TIA include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness in the face or limbs, often on only one side of the body
- Sudden trouble speaking and understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden dizziness or loss of balance
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause



Seek emergency care if you experience any signs or symptoms of stroke. Even if they last only a short while and then you feel normal, see a doctor right away. You may have experienced a TIA, an important sign that you're at risk of a full-blown stroke.

Risk factors

Factors that increase your risk of carotid artery disease include: High blood pressure, smoking, diabetes, high cholesterol/triglyceride levels, family history, sleep apnea, age, obesity, lack of exercise.

Treatment

The goal in treating carotid artery disease is to prevent stroke. If blockage is mild to moderate, your doctor may recommend:

- **Lifestyle changes to slow the progression of atherosclerosis.** Recommendations may include quitting smoking, losing weight, eating healthy foods, reducing salt and exercising regularly.
- Medication to control blood pressure or lower cholesterol. Your doctor may also recommend taking
 a daily aspirin or other blood-thinning medication to prevent blood clots.

If blockage is severe, or if you've already had a TIA or stroke, your doctor may recommend removing the blockage from the artery. The options include surgery to remove the blockage or the use of a catheter with a balloon that can be inflated to widen the artery and the insertion of a stent to keep the artery from narrowing.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st - Bob Casper

2nd - Jane Trefren

4th – John Minor

7th - Peggy Collins

8th - Dottie Peterson, Sue Smeltzer

11th- Kay Lyndahl, Jeanne Pruett

12th- Wayne Gehrke, Carolyn Robinson

13th - Dick Ihrke

14th - Betty Ferrara, Edna Laskow

19th- Marianne Eliasen, Arlene Hansen, Leo Perrella Jr.

20th - Vlado Michna

21st - James Glass, Helen Schaefer

22nd - Diane Brace

24th - Ruth Kowitz

25th – Patricia Dahl, Deya Schierenbeck

26th- Betty Schuppert

27th – George Grosskopf, Dietrich Schaefer

29th- Kay Adkins, Frances Bulluck

30th - - Sylvia Nachbor



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4th - Hans & Erika Barfels

5th - Rick & Debby Nelson

8th - Kadie & Jon Dehne

23rd - Fred & Kathie Bastion

24th - Norman & Anne Koehler



We ask if you notice information is missing or incorrect please let us know. Thank you!



Thank you for donating items for our Food Pantry in the narthex closet. Please remember, NO opened packages or containers.





Time	Acolyte	Communion Assistants	Lector
Sunday November 4	Kay Adkins	Kay Adkins Dick Fricke John Minor	John Minor
Sunday November 11	Jim Moyers		Hal Wold
Sunday November 18	Lucy Ann Clark	Lucy Ann Clark Dick Fricke Geri Julian	Rosalie Kelleher
Sunday November 25	Debbie Andrews		Debbie Andrews
Sunday December 2	Dale Lyndahl	Dale Lyndahl Kay Lyndahl John Minor	Kay Lyndahl



November Usher Team	November Altar Guild	Sound	
Dan Pollert's Team	Carolyn Cole, Myrna Strom, Arlene Hansen	Bill Adkins	



Installation of WELCA Board Members WELCA board installation for 2018-2019

Here is a list of the new WELCA board that will be installed November 4th

President- Carolyn Cole

Vice President- Jeanne Potochny

Secretary & Council Liaison - Linda Miller

Treasurer - Caroline Nensewitz

Sunshine Circle - Honey Ashley

Quilters – Mirdza Drengers, Helga Spitzenberger, and Sally Trenski

Bible Study Circle - Paula Simenson

Membership- Nora Wilhide

Rummage Sale - Jane Trefren

Hospitality - Susan Wold

Publicity - Lois Hobratschk

We welcome the new members that have joined us since our last New Member Sunday!

Laura Akins
Peggy Collins
Jenise German
Doris Long
Karen & David Pinkston
Bob & Valerie Southwell Jr.



Laura Akins

Laura is originally from Thornton, N.H and has been attending Redeemer for a while now. Laura and her husband Larry, came to Redeemer because of their friends, Tina & Jim Schwartz. Laura enjoys sewing and is part of the Shell Crafters Club.



Peggy Collins

Peggy is originally from Muskegon, MI. She has been attending Redeemer for a while now. Peggy and her sister, Jay, came to Redeemer because of their sister, Diane Brace. Diane invited them to "come and see". Peggy enjoys quilting and visiting with friends.



Jenise "Jay" German

Like her sister Peggy, Jay is from Muskegon, MI, and she has also been attending Redeemer for a while. Jay and her sister were invited to "come and see" Redeemer by their sister Diane Brace. Jay enjoys swimming, reading, music, and helping others.



Doris Long

Doris lives in Kings Point and is originally from Pottstown, PA. She enjoys NASCAR, skydiving, hang gliding, visiting national parks and living each day to the fullest. She gives thanks to Don Erickson, and

Jerry & Linda Miller for her joining Redeemer.



Karen & David Pinkston

David & Karen live in SCC and are originally from Novi, MI. David is still employed in MI but will be joining Karen shortly. David enjoys golfing, bowling, tennis, and woodworking. Karen

enjoys sewing, tennis, bowling, and baseball. David & Karen joined Redeemer after being invited to "come and see" by Paul & Nancy Carrier.

Valerie & Bob Southwell Jr.



Bob & Valerie live in SCC and are originally from Jacksonville and New York. They both enjoy music, and Valerie is an organist. She has played here at Redeemer and other local churches. Bob spends a lot of time reading and listening to music.

We are thrilled to have welcomed all of these new members to the Redeemer family!



New Members: front row-Doris Long, Laura Akins, Valerie Southwell, Bob Southwell Jr; back row- Peggy Collins, Jenise "Jay" German, Karen Pinkston & David Pinkston.

Medicare Presentation

Medicare applies to most of us. Are you aware of the changes for 2019? We are hosting a program on November 1 at 1:00 PM in Buhr Hall. Come and learn about the changes, annual enrollment period, Medicare Advantage plans, prescription drug plans, and more. This will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions. The speaker will be Diane Daniels, a professional speaker and Medicare consultant who provides education and also assists with Medicare planning, Medicare grievances, appeals, and problem solving for other Medicare issues. She is the host and producer of Medicare Nation, dedicated to educating on Medicare and also the author of The Medicare Survival Guide. She has been published in magazine articles and USA Today, and has been the guest as a Medicare expert on radio shows and podcasts. Her presentation should be valuable information for all of us.





Christmas Decorating help needed

Christmas is coming, are you ready? Let's get in the spirit of the Holiday. The Christmas decorations for Buhr Hall will be put up on Saturday, December 1st. We will meet in Buhr Hall at 9:00 AM— coffee will be ready!

We need all the help we can get, many hands make easy work. We have a great time and it really gets everyone in the spirit for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Please come and join us! Thank you in advance.



Women of ELCA Meeting

WELCA will meet on Wednesday, November 14th beginning with refreshments at 9:30 AM. Please note that this is the <u>second</u> Wednesday due to the conflict with Thanksgiving. The program will be on Fire Prevention and Safety, and will be presented by the Fire Department's county education person. The offering will be for disaster relief. Following the meeting, lunch will be provided through a Thrivent Action Team. If you will be attending the lunch, please sign the sheet on the welcome counter in the narthex.

Remember to wear your Redeemer name tag if you have one.



Dementia Presentation

AJ Cipperly from Inspired Living will present a "A Positive Approach to Dementia" on Tuesday, November 13th at 11:30 AM. She is a Florida CORE trained and licensed Assisted Living Administrator and is currently the National Director of Memory Care and Training for Validus Senior Living based out of Tampa, FL. AJ holds certificates in conducting caregiver facilitator support groups; is a certified dementia care trainer for the State of Florida and is also a certified trainer for Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Care strategies & techniques. In her role as National Director for Validus, she provides Memory Care leadership, support and training for each of their 13 communities as well as providing education for professionals and family caregivers.

AJ offered a very informative, helpful presentation at Redeemer a few years ago. Besides explaining dementia, she provided insight into some of the reasons for certain behaviors typical of those with dementia and ways to approach those situations. We are inviting her back so others have the opportunity to hear her or even for you to re-hear the information. And she will also answer any questions you may have. Lunch will be provided. If

you will be attending the lunch, please sign the sheet on the welcome counter in the narthex. If a loved one for whom you are caring has dementia, a programmer from Inspired Living will be available to stay with him/her in the conference room during the presentation so that you can attend.



Celebrating Thrivent Members

Join us in celebrating what Thrivent members have accomplished for Redeemer and the community on Sunday, November 4th following the worship service. Since a Thrivent representative will be present, this will be an opportunity to learn more about Thrivent and membership benefits or to have your questions answered. Hearty snacks will be available. Everyone is asked to bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to Our Lady's Pantry.

Thrivent disaster response will match personal donations, up to \$1 million

Thrivent will match up to \$1 million in personal donations made online through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations responding to Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Thrivent will pay the processing fees associated with the personal donations, so 100 percent goes to help.

For more details and to see the list of organizations included in the match, visit the Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com.



Important Notice on parking next door

We have been asked by the Sun City Center Funeral Home to park in the rows closest to Rickenbacker when we use their lot on Sunday mornings. The funeral home needs to meet with families sometimes on Sundays to make arrangements and would like the rows closest to their door to be available for these families. Thank you!



Holiday Cheer Band Concert December 10 at 7:00 PM

Join us as we gather for a concert of Christmas music at **Redeemer Lutheran Church**, 701 Valley Forge Blvd., in Sun City Center on Monday, December 10, at 7:00 PM.

The South Shore Concert Band will play a concert entitled "Holiday Cheer" which will include Yule time favorites and four new holiday songs not performed by the band previously.

There will be 150 free tickets available for pick up in the church office weekdays between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. At 6:45 PM we will open our doors to anyone waiting if there are seats available.

Come enjoy the works of 10 different concert band arrangers. You can preview the sound of the 55 member band ensemble at www.southshoreconcertband.org. We would like our guests to bring a nonperishable food item for the food pantry. There will be a free will offering collected at intermission.



Christmas Cheer & Carols

It's coming! Yes, Christmas, but before Christmas is Advent. This year Redeemer will begin the Advent Season in a different way. Rather than a church service followed by a soup supper, on Wednesday, December 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, we will do "Cheer and Carols". Bring your favorite beverage. Apple cider punch will be provided along with some "finger foods" thanks to a Thrivent card. We'll sing Christmas carols and other seasonal songs.

Mark your calendar now to attend this event. Invite your friends and neighbors to come for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. It will be too late for golf carts to be out so if you know of someone who would need a ride, please offer one. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we'll know how many munchies we'll need to get. Thanks!

The cost of admission? An item to be donated to the Food Pantry and a joyful heart ready to sing.



Altar Guild Luncheon

The Altar Guild luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 6, at 11:30 AM at Old Castle Restaurant, 3830 Sun City Center Blvd. Suite 107. RSVP to Mary Ann Romano 642-9146 or Karin Meredith 634-8093.



Important Reminders Budget/Spending Plan Process Changed

At its August 27, 2018, meeting Council approved the following change to the Budget/Spending Plan process. The budget and spending plan for 2019 will be presented at our Annual Meeting on January 27, 2019.

This action is in response to the congregation's desire to have, as much as possible, more comprehensive financial statements income/expenses for the year. It is expected that we will have information through November - probably not December. It must be remembered that the process of developing the Spending Plan is very involved!

David A. Schierenbeck, Council President

Don't forget!! Saturday November 3, 2018



Rummage Sale 2019

The Rummage Sale Warriors will be collecting items for the sale on November 5, 6, &7.

Items requested are clean clothes (no heavy winter clothing), clothing accessories, purses, shoes, jewelry, collectibles, and linens. This will be the last time to donate clothes. At this time we will also take **Christmas items.** This year we will not be accepting trees over 3 feet tall, outdoor lawn décor, or green garland.

If boxes have been stored for more than 3 months please check them for bugs, The office has informed us that the pest company thinks our boxes may be bringing roaches into the building,

The Christmas Sale will be held Nov. 25, Dec 2, 9 and 16(?) after church in Buhr Hall. No items will be collected in December.

We are in need of 3 to 5 people to be in charge of Christmas sales. See Tina Schwartz if you can help.

The wall units are for sale for \$35 each and a large desk unit for \$35. See Tina or Jane if you are interested

COLLECTION TIMES FOR RUMMAGE SALE

Monday, Nov. 5 from 10:00 AM-noon Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 10:00 AM-noon

Please do not leave any items outside of the church. If you have any other items that need to be donated before the general donation days in February, please talk to Jane or Tina.

We know that your donations are the fuel for our sale so please consider donating and helping.

Thank you, WELCA Jane Trefren, chair 634-3113

Rummage Sale Prep

Thanks to the men and women who have spent hours pricing clothing and other items over the last few weeks. It takes many hands and hours to accomplish all the prep needed for the sale. And thanks also to those who donated items making this possible.

Bible Study

Members, visitors, guests, and friends, please join us on Thursdays at 10:00 AM for Bible study. The current topic is Hebrews. No prior knowledge of the Bible is required, and you don't even need to bring a Bible. One will be provided for you.

Refreshments are served and it is FREE!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets at noon the 2nd Friday of each month. Women's Bible Study will meet again on November 9th. Susan Wold and Paula Simenson co-lead the Bible Study. A new topic from the Gathering magazine is discussed every month. All women are welcome to attend, so come join us and bring a friend.

40th Anniversary Party

The party planning has been going on for a few months now. We wanted to share some updates about the upcoming event. This event will celebrate Redeemer's 40th year and our Organist /Choir Director, Sandy Gundacker's, 25th year! The event will follow the worship service on March 31, 2019. The Bishop will be here to preach and will speak at the party.

This event will be a sit down luncheon with 2 catered meal selections. Our fellowship hall size will limit the guest list to 200 guests. We will be offering tickets for this event. The tickets will be \$5 each, scholarships will be available. Table reservations can be made for a \$25 fee, all 8 guest names must be given at the time the reservation is given. Tickets for the event will not be for sale until January. We will open ticket sales to regular Redeemer attendees first, from 1/20/19-2/17/19, and if there are still seats available, we will open it up to other guests. Please see Lois Hobratschk or Kadie Dehne for ticket related questions.

We will also be selling red shirts embroidered with "Redeemer Lutheran Church" for \$20 each. These shirts will be a little different than the shirts that were sold before. We will have sample shirts to try on in all sizes. We plan to start selling shirts during fellowship starting in December. You will be asked to pay in advance and the order will be placed with enough time for shirts to be in before the rummage sale.

What can you do to participate? We would love to have individuals share a photo of themselves from 1979. So start looking folks, those with pictures will be asked a few simple questions for a sort of "guess who" game on the day of the event.

Over the next few months you will start to see us ask for your autograph. Nancy Carrier is creating a beautiful cross quilt that will features signatures from all that are willing to sign.

Judy Kiel is in the process of making a banner to commemorate the church's 40th anniversary. There is also a special secret gift in the works for our organist Sandy Gundacker. Please see Kadie for details, and remember it's a semi-secret.

Volunteer's needed for the Property Team

Volunteers to serve on the Property Team are needed. The team plans to meet monthly or bimonthly as needed. Activities include project planning, input for method of accomplishment (inhouse, contract, or both), and priority (timing) of scheduling. If you desire to do some hands on inhouse support, we need your help too. Work order requests will be presented based on level of urgency.

The Property Team meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9:00 AM on December 1st. Please call Fred Bastion at either 410-440-8396 or 410879-1112 for additional information after November 18.



Recycling Reminder

Many of you may have already noticed that our cardboard recycling bins have been removed. Please do not bring recycling materials in to church anymore. Sadly the recycling program has come to an end. That decision was made by the company that owns the bins. This means that they also removed the bins at South Shore United Church of Christ and the bins at Our Lady of Guadalupe. The program that has been discontinued allowed us to have the two bins on the property that were emptied weekly free of charge. At one point we even received a small monetary return for the cardboard. As time has gone on, the company, which is located in Clearwater, has decided that the program is not in the best interest of their company and they do not plan to service the Sun City Center area any longer. We have looked into recycling with other companies that do service this local area but all options would be at a cost to Redeemer. At this point there is no plan to add recycling again here at Redeemer. Hopefully the community will recognize there is a need within the community for additional recycling options. We hope that you will continue your recycling efforts with the blue bins you likely have at home. Thanks for understanding!

The people of Redeemer believe in the power of prayer.

Ginny Acker, Mary Ann Addleman, Nancy Almaguer, Clarence Antonsen, Gerry Barnicle, Rev. Donald Beal, Ursula Beger, Becky Bergman, Meta Boesel, Shirley Bogedain, Marilyn Bohl, Fran Bullock, Maggie Byrd, Delores Casper, Lenora Chapman, Anne Clouser, Carolyn Cole, William & Katharina Coryell, Betty Corzine, Carol & John Crawford, Juanita Cunningham, Dottie Earl, Dorothy Erickson, Kitty Fogt, Patty Fricke, Joan Glas, Bill Giblin, Irene Griffin, Ken Heindel, Mary Jane Hermanns, Lee Kesler, Norman & Anne Koehler, Jean Kostka, Marv Lent, Harvey & LaVern Lentz, Cheryl & John MacPhee, Tillie McMahon, Herb McKittrick, Tamica McWilliams, Eva Michna, Alice Miller, Thyra Nagel, Louise Neam, Caroline Nensewitz, Sharon Olson, Nancy Payne, Nancy Phillips, Gerda Regelin, Fred Ristow, Guy & Mary Ann Romano, Marlene Scharback, John & Patti Schaefer, Helene Schwartz, Margaret Scott, Mariam Sorby, Linda Strohfus, Myrna Strom, Patrick Sturmer, Ingrid & Sam Thompson, Jane Trefren, Sylvia Wicktor, Ted Wilson.

Our Family and Friends

Kristyn, Mark, Gerry Albert, Ashley & Zach Allen, Allan & Phillis Amlee, Roman Amon, Mike Arnold, Dana Axinger, Lois Barrett, Donna Barnett, Abigail Bayless, the Bergin family, Tim Berns, Bill, Peggy & Kim Bierce, Lou Ann Bleeker, Lore & Max Bokma, Mark Bordwine, Steve Bullock, Bud Clark, George Clark, Norma Cole, Orv & Marlene Conner, Portia Conway, Julia Cox, the family of Jeanette Crum, Joan Delaporte, Reanna Diaz, Jeannie Elliott, Steve Evans, Mark Everman, Peggy Farrell, Gilda Filosa, Tom Flamm, Cindy Freeman, Robin French, Katherine, Austin & August French, Meg Gallagher, Mauricio Garcia & family, Barry Gibbons, Marie Grazino, Ernestine & Bob Greenslate, Matt Gunter, Bill Hahn, Christa & James Harkins, Miranda Harris, Dan Haverland, Leonard Hermanns Jr., Diane Heindel, Jack & Cindy Hildebrandt, Michael Hillard, John Holland, Elaine Humphreys, Sandy & Bob Janicek, Sherry Janovec, Gina Kanouse, Kathleen Kelleher, Gary, Joan, & Mike Kollerman, Aurora Kunnard, Nell & Mark Lucas, Ron, Vance & Bridgette Lumme, Annie Mangen, Zoe Marcus, Emily Marks, George Martin, Terry Mattia, Caroline Mayne, Shannon McCormick, Marilyn Meister, Dennis Michel, James Miller, Mary Fran Miller, the Nelsen family, Amy Newman, Sheila Nicholson, Fred Nothold, David Nuchols, Melissa Pickinson, Robert Poetzsch, James Pottinger, Kelly Powell, Renee Quackenbush, Joe Raymond, Clariece Reitz, Neil Rich, Norma Roebker, Ed Robb, Lori Robb, Mary Rollins, Ken & Lynne Rome, Joe Ruckert, Pam Goldy-Rudy, Hope Rund, Merrell Rushworth, Jane Ruth, Steve Sanfilippo, Dan & Don Schierenbeck, Joan Schollmeyer, Lynn & Patrick Sheridan, The Lois Smith Family, Mary Soja, Cindi & Jeff Sommers, Thomas Sullivan, Bobby Timm, Lucas Thor, Jim Tucker, Glenn J. Turner, Maria Veiazquez, Clair Vilasi, Melvin Vore, Agnes Wagaman, Alex Watts, Donna Weber, MaryAnn Winters.

God bless our country, our first responders, and our military men and women.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 AM-Bible Study 1:00 PM- Medicare changes 2019 (3) 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	9:30 AM-Quilters	3
4 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship WELCA Installation 11:00 AM- Thrivent Appreciation	5 9:00 AM Rummage Sale drop off (12) 10:30 AM-Al-Anon	6 12:00 PM Rummage Sale drop off (3) 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	7 9:00 AM Rummage Sale drop off (12) 9:30 AM-WELCA Board Meeting 1:00 PM-Social Ministry Mtg 7:00 PM-Barbershop practice	8 10:00 AM-Parish Nurses Meeting 11:00 AM- 40 th Party planning meeting 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	9 9:30 AM-Quilters 12:00 PM-Women's Bible Study	10
11 10:00 AM-Worship	12 10:30 AM-Al-Anon	13 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 11:30 AM-Dementia Presentation 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	14 9:30 AM-WELCA general meeting 11:00 AM-Worship & Music 7:00 PM-Barbershop practice	15 10:00 AM-Bible Study 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	16 9:30 AM-Quilters	17
18 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship	Meeting	20 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group 7:00 PM-Finance Team Meeting	21 7:00 PM-Barbershop practice	22 Closed for Thanksgiving	23 Closed for Thanksgiving	24
25 10:00 AM-Worship 11:15 AM-Blood Pressure Check	26 10:30 AM-Al-Anon 1:00 PM-Council Meeting	27 10:00 AM-RLC Staff Meeting 3:30 PM-AA Women's Group	28 7:00 PM-Barbershop practice	29 10:00 AM-Bible Study 5:45 PM-Bells Practice 6:45 PM-Choir Practice	30 9:30 AM-Quilters	