



# THE VOICE

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

Healing • Growing • Serving • Going

### Our Mission

*Jesus said*

*"All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to me.*

*Therefore go and make disciples  
of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

*Matthew 28:18-19*

### FELLOWSHIP, LIGHT SUPPER and PRAYER

Wednesdays through November 30

Fellowship & Light Supper  
5:30- 6:30 pm  
Family Life Center

Prayer in the Chapel  
6:30- 7:00 pm

Questions? Contact Pastor Trent at  
[trent.thompson@redeemer.us](mailto:trent.thompson@redeemer.us)

### Advent Begins November 27

Be looking for this year's  
Advent devotionals. Both paper  
and electronic copies will be  
available.

Now you can re watch  
a sermon on our website  
[https://www.redeemer.us  
/livestream/sermons/](https://www.redeemer.us/livestream/sermons/)



### Reflections from Pastor John

*It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you." Luke 17:11-19 MSG*

Dear Redeemer Family,

The month of November is a time of year during which we typically direct our thoughts and hearts towards that for which we are truly thankful. Whereas thankfulness has been described as a positive emotion, gratitude has been described as "an attitude of appreciation under any circumstance. Gratitude involves being thankful, but it is more than that. Gratitude means expressing thankfulness and being appreciative of life daily even when nothing exciting happens." (<https://www.psychmc.com/blogs/difference-between-gratitude-and-thankfulness>) Or even when circumstances look bad.

In the later part of October, the congregation of Redeemer was informed of another impact of COVID, inflation and the myriad issues our world is facing. Giving has taken a serious downturn within the wider church to include right here at Redeemer. We had described the budget we passed at our Annual Meeting in June as unsustainable and accepted that there needed to be significant changes made to create a totally new budget for our following fiscal year. Because of plummeting giving number, even with valiant efforts to curb spending, we find ourselves as a congregation approaching a crisis of our finances sooner than we had anticipated.

Many ideas have been expressed for how to address our needs, but Redeemer leadership has resisted the temptation to jump into fix-it mode without diligently seeking the Lord in prayer as leaders and corporately as a congregation. We continue to invite and encourage everyone to be seeking the Lord in prayer on behalf of our congregation. Join us weekly through November on Wednesday evenings for a time of fellowship and a light meal at 5:30 pm, followed by a time of corporate prayer in the Chapel from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

We are confident that the Lord knows what He is doing in this world-in-crisis, as well as being clear on His plans for Redeemer. I believe He has a future and a hope for us as a "Lighthouse" congregation, to impact nations globally by connecting leaders locally. Jesus has plans for us to join Him on His mission and impact this four-county region for Christ. We need to be faithful in prayer as He has, is, and will be faithful to us.

This is also a time when we typically invite everyone to reassess and decide what your commitment to the Lord will be in the giving of your time, talent

and treasure. Keeping in mind that a tithe is 10% of one's gross income, take some time in prayer and decide now to express your commitment to God through your pledge. We will be getting pledge forms out to the congregation early in this month. What will your pledge be? Will you prayerfully consider increasing your giving to the Lord through your tithe and/or offering?

To help us with the spiritual growth that can move us towards tithing, or even beyond 10% giving, we will be continuing our Sermon Series, "Living Generously: Like Jesus. The Bible stories and guiding questions that we have left in this series are,

- Nov 6 - Wk 3 - All Saints - When have you been, or will you be, in need instead of satisfied?
- Ephesians 1:11-23
- Luke 16:19-31  
The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus
- Nov 13 - Wk 4 - Pentecost 23 - Where are you 'settling' for what has been instead of receiving what will be?
- Exodus 14:5-14 The people of Israel at the Red Sea as the Egyptian army is coming

- Luke 19:11-26
- Nov 20 - Wk 5 - Christ the King - Why are things scarce instead of abundant?
- Philippians 4:10-20
- Paul's contentment in all circumstances
- Luke 23:33-43
- Nov 27 - Wk 6 - Advent 1 - How will God's Kingdom come and God's will be done?
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:36-44
- The fullness of life is a generous life

Again, I call you to pray. Pray that Jesus our King will guide us by the Holy Spirit to navigate the weeks and months ahead faithfully. Pray that we will all be bound closer together in the spirit of His love for one another and be peace makers one for another. Pray that we will choose, in the midst of circumstances that are stressful and frightening, to be grateful for all that God has done for us as a faith community. As we pray, I trust the Lord will give us wisdom and the way forward.

Peace,  
Pastor John



## Holiday Giving

### Food Donations & Gift Cards to Grocery Stores

### Volunteers Needed!

**Families or Small Groups to adopt a family for the season  
Sort and Deliver on November 19.**

Sign up on the Serving Opportunity Board or use the QR Code to sign up.



**Do you know someone who has a need this holiday?**

*We are reaching out to our friends, neighbors to help someone this year.  
Confidential sign up forms available. Use this QR Code.*



**Everyone needed for donation of food items or money for gift cards to grocery stores**

**Canned Vegetables • Canned Fruit • Peanut Butter • Jelly  
Canned Meats • Mac n' Cheese • Soup**

(Bring in your donations and put in red bins in the colonnade)

**Questions? Contact Jill Ochs at 240-994-8979 or [jillbochs@gmail.com](mailto:jillbochs@gmail.com)**



## From Pastor Trent

Last month Pastor John, Pastor Peter, Pastor Jean-Claude, seminarian Phil, and myself got the chance to spend time with each other at the LCMC national gathering. I am very happy to be a part of this organization and am happy to say that they are majoring on the majors: namely the Gospel and disciple-making. I got to speak with pastors from all over the world, from California, to the mid-west, to Texas, to Canada, Ethiopia, Myanmar, and Chile.

One of the major concerns of the Western church was the post-Covid church attendance and how to attract people to come back into the building. While many churches merely got through Covid, Pastor John disciplined us through Covid, showing us how Christ is calling us to go outside the walls of the building. We have been talking about this for two years, but many other churches are just now considering this, or even working with churches outside of their denomination, so I must say that we are ahead of the curve!

In December we are planning another ecumenical outreach event: Christmas Caroling at Jimmy Cone on December 3rd. We have the permits for the streets around it to be blocked off. We will have cider, hot chocolate, and cookies to share. Pastors from the area will be able to do sermonettes after each carol and we will be doing a Gospel presentation at the end.

We are continuing our Wednesday morning prayer gatherings every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 am and having prayer with the other churches the 4th Saturday of every month.

We are also planning on prayer walks around the town, with the goal to share the Gospel with every home. We plan to have a Commander's Meeting soon to discuss our strategy and do some equipping.

We are excited about the relationships we are forming with other believers around us and partnering in outreach to get the good news of Jesus Christ out into the world.

With peace in Christ,  
Pastor Trent

## Guest Services Ministry

*Matthew 25:35 For I was...a stranger and you welcomed me.*

Do you have a heart for hospitality and enjoy welcoming people into the life of our congregation? Are you looking for a place to serve Redeemer with a limited time commitment? Our Guest Services Ministry is in need of Greeters on Sunday mornings. Time commitment is typically less than an hour once a month.

Contact Nikki Fischer, (360)621-3480 or  
waquiltermom@mac.com



## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

*The best place to be on a Tuesday night!*

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ centered program that gives people the resources and relationships to help them recover from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Meet in the Chapel.

**Children & Family Ministry  
Family Dinner & Christmas Craft  
Sunday, December 4**

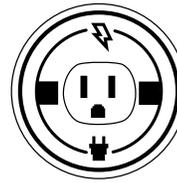
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Dinner includes Chicken Nuggets, Mac n' Cheese, Salad & Cookies.  
\$15 per Family for Dinner & Craft.

All craft supplies and instructions will be provided.

Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy this family time  
before the busy holiday season!

\*Only need to register one person per family and list amount attending  
when registering.



**2023  
YOUTH MINISTRY  
TRIPS**



**Winter Meltdown**

February 3-5, 2023

River Valley Ranch - \$125

A winter youth retreat where students  
and leaders can focus on God and build  
meaningful relationships with each other.



**Week of Hope**

July 9-14, 2023

Charleston, South Carolina - \$300

Community service mission trip for middle &  
high school age kids.

**Marriage Ministry**

**Bonfire at Butler's Orchard**

Saturday, November 12, 6:00-9:00 pm

Pulled Pork & Hot Apple Cider will be provided

An old-fashioned pot-luck picnic to fill in with side dishes



Sign up at [www.Redeemer.us](http://www.Redeemer.us)

Questions?

Contact Wanda or Chris Sloop at 240-344-6343



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**Redeemer Ramblers**

The Ramblers are people from Redeemer who are 55 years and older and enjoy getting together for Christian fellowship. Once a month they take field trips planned by members, or have a gathering at the church. Mark your calendar for their usual gathering on the second Tuesday of the month. They would love for you to join them!

**Quilting Group - We Need You!**

Thursday, November 3

We will be delivering our quilts to Lutheran World Relief in New Windsor, Maryland and then enjoying lunch together in Union Bridge. Anyone is welcome to go with us. Contact Joanne Kessler at 301-253-0335 for departure time. The Quilting Group meets the first Thursday of the month. Please pray about joining this group.

[www.redeemer.us](http://www.redeemer.us)

**Rambler Gathering**

Thursday November 10

**Brunch at Killarney House Irish Restaurant & Pub**

584 W, Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD

**Homestead Gardens**

743 W. Central Ave., Davidsonville, MD

Brunch starts at Noon

Homestead Gardens is Maryland and Delaware's leading garden center offering the best selections of houseplants, annuals, perennials, native trees, shrubs, and holiday décor.

Meet at the church at 10:00 am.

We MUST leave by 10:30 am.

Contact Sonja Overeem 301-590-9310

She must know if you are going by November 6th.