



Another successful Summer Concert Series Fun! Despite the weather, everyone had a great time.

Many thanks to the concert committee and volunteers who made this possible!



SEPTEMBER 13

One Service

Worship at 9:30 AM

Food & Fun to Follow

FUN! Dedication of new kitchen

Completely free photos for directory

Invite friends!

SEE YOU THERE!


REDEEMER
 CLIPPINGS NEWSLETTER

Redeemer Lutheran Church
September 2026
 Monthly Newsletter
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 The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor
 Connecting People to Christ,
 Growing in His Love, Serving Him.
 "Come and See, Go and Tell,
 The Good News for All"

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

Here we go again!

I know – I feel it, too. The predictable rhythm of the church year can be both comforting and anxiety producing! We might dread returning to the fall schedule, or we might be seeking its consistency.

As September nears, we know this means that our minds have to shift out of summer gear and into the mindset of fall. Sunday School, confirmation, choir, youth activities, and even the rumblings of Thanksgiving and Christmas are getting closer.

Typically, our conversations around fall planning involve replicating what we have “always done,” with perhaps a few tweaks. While there is nothing wrong with our traditions, we are also witnessing the diminishing returns of the church’s “usual” activities.

Which is why I need your help. I am not asking any of us to come up with completely new programs, or start a new church from scratch. But I am hoping that each one of us can look ahead, talk to our neighbor, and identify a need in the community that is not being addressed.

Are people craving connection? Are they asking deep questions about life and death? Are they simply overwhelmed with work and home life? Do they feel lonely and forgotten? Who is hungry in our community, and what are they hungry for?

What changes are happening in our neighborhood? Do people feel excited about the changes, or are they fearful? Where are people turning to for answers, growth, and new life? How might we help people in new ways, and offer hope to our neighbor?

These are questions that do not have quick and easy answers. But they are part of deep conversations – not only about our changing world, but the continuing call of the church to serve others.

And this is what the church is all about: asking, listening, reflecting, and serving.

Thanks for all you do, and for being committed to our ministry together.

In Christ,

Pastor Heather



Redeemer Lutheran Library by Joan Freimanis

Living Lutheran magazine – Summer 2026

FINDING GOD IN THE SILENCE BETWEEN WORDS The author, a chaplain writes, “I was trained to provide answers, to offer comfort through chosen words, to break uncomfortable silences with spiritual insights. But I’ve learned that holy listening – being present with another person without the need to fix, correct or respond – is one of the most overlooked spiritual disciplines of our faith tradition.” The apostle James wrote: “Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak” (1:19) Jesus taught and preached but he also listened. You can learn to listen as Jesus did. Read *HOLY LISTENING*, pg. 14 by *Leslie Williams*.

Peruse other articles such as: **“Publicly, boldly, and honestly” – The long arc of Lutheran activism** by Brenda Martin pg.18

A declaration of war . . . and peace by JN Shimko pg.24 What is the actual meaning of the phrase “just war”?

“I believe in community” – Rick Steves Purchases Hygiene Center to Keep it from Closing by Olivia Bardo pg. 31 Rick Steves (You may recognize him from PBS) a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood Wash remarks “I just thought, I’m supposed to buy that right now and go forward – and I did. And it’s the best two-and-a-quarter million dollars I could imagine spending.”

HOLY QUESTIONS by John Potter pg.56 – an interview with author Natalia Terfa about her life and her book *IT ALL COUNTS – Finding God Everywhere They Told You Not to Look*. For these and many other stories of the ELCA and its members living out their faith visit livinglutheran.org and/or the Living Lutheran published edition.

You can also explore the **New ELCA.org**. Enjoy enhanced search, easier navigation and a clean, modern feel.

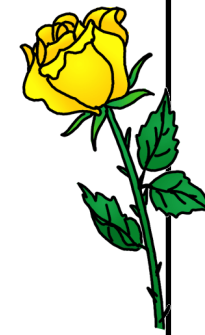
To my Redeemer Family,

My grandson Albert M. Floriani has completed his active duty in the United States Army. Your prayers have meant so very much to me.

He continues his service to our country in the Army Reserves and has accepted a position with the Colorado State Police. He and his wife Erika have blessed me with my first great-grandchild. My heart is full!

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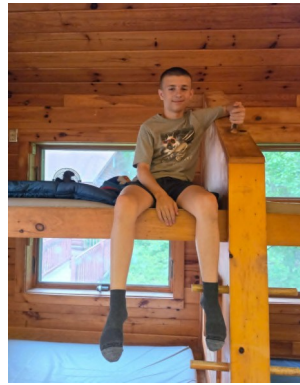
Deb Wegner



KITCHEN RENOVATIONS: The kitchen renovations are going well. We are hoping for completion by the end of summer. Currently we plan to dedicate the new kitchen area on Rally Day September 13th!

NEW WEBSITE DESIGN: What if church felt like home? What if our website was as welcoming as a front porch?

www.redeemervineland.org invite your friends to visit



Angela and Samuel, two of Redeemer's Youth, enjoying Camp Crossroads!

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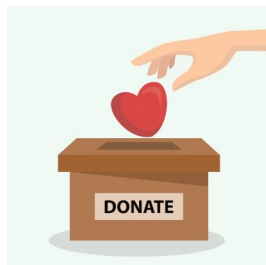
Gather Committee: Chairpersons - Nancy Manzoni & Alison Keller

Care Committee: Chairpersons - Linda Foster & Lynda Gilbert

Cumberland Family Shelter Donation Drive

Men's Clothing Need: Underwear,
Sweatpants, Socks, 3 in 1 Body Wash.

All items should be new. Any size accepted.
Please return all items to Redeemer by
September 13th.



Serving with caring hands and generous hearts! Our PB&J youth spent the evening making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those less fortunate.

Pictured: Maddie, Dahna, Eva, Bailey, and Gianni.



Thanks to the success of this year's Summer Strawberry Bash, a donation of \$1,800 was recently presented to Mission Teens.

Pictured: Nicole (Mission Teens), Pastor Heather Sugden and Dale Nichols



09/08 Wayne Fisher
 09/08 George Steinbronn
 09/12 Cheryl Farley
 09/13 Richard Shenton
 09/14 Harry Ackley
 09/17 Diane Lillia
 09/18 James Clay
 09/19 Anch Gbolo
 09/20 Gayle Penven
 09/22 Nicole Stanewich
 09/23 Julianna Hermanson
 09/25 Karen Golway
 09/26 Florence Bizzari
 09/26 Elliot King
 09/29 Hildegard Krummp
 09/29 Joseph Lillia
 09/30 William Lomberg
 09/30 Dale Nichols

*Apologies to Dawn Amari who
 celebrated August 21*

09/02 Joan and Peter Freimanis
 09/12 Kathleen and James Clay
 09/14 Diane and Jose Rodriguez
 09/19 Leonore and Gary Frank, Jr
 09/21 Jody and George Steinbronn
 09/25 Becky and Chris Williams
 09/28 Susan and Keith Bradbury
 09/28 Jessica and Brandon Kelley

Don't miss Rally Day, September 13th!

- Food
- Fun
- Kitchen Dedication
- Directory Photos



Special thank you to those who contributed Toddler Clothing & Diapers plus Personal Care Items for SERV. Pictured: Donna Yearsley & Irene Anderson



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The family and friends of Joanne Keenan upon her passing.

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Betty Anderson, Pablo Bermudez, Jim Clay, Carl DeRenzis, Tracy Edwards, Bob & Tim Federwitz, Bill & Marjorie Frank, Daniel Furio, Ernestine Gbolo, Elaine Hering, Paisley Johnson, John Jones, Scott Levick, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Patricia Nichols, Eileen Niedzielak, George Papiano, Peter Pelosi, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Dick & Carol Shenton, Phil Shenton, Craig Terry, Robert Thompson, Our Youth

Your Church Council: Matt Helland, Susan Papiano, Nancy Manzoni, Lisa Cook, Brenda Ackley, Linda Foster, Morris Gbolo, Dale Nichols, Donna Yearsley, Martin Geisser

All our troops serving our country and world including:

Meredith Conely, Michael Gonzalez, & Kevin Sykes

Donations in memory of Ann Bradbury: Donna Yearsley, Betty Anderson, Nancy Gilbert, Tracy Kirner, Tamagni Family, Barbara and David Meyrick, Marilyn and Bud Gressman, Alison and Al Keller, Gayle Penven, Alice Motter, Gail and Steve Dear, Irene Anderson, Peggy and Oz Schumacher, Carol and Dick Shenton

Donation in memory of Emilio "Bill" Niglio in honor of Father's Day: Florence Niglio

Donation by Carol and Dick Shenton in memory of: Dan Cherwien, Zola and Harry Fisher, Bill Niglio



Thank you to the Redeemer Lutheran Church for everything the past 18 years and the scholarship! From Sunday School, to Christmas plays, to Easter egg hunts, to my first communion, to confirmation. I have grown up with this church, and it has helped me build a bond with my community members and God! I couldn't picture a life without our church, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for me.

-Ciarra (CJ) Esquilin