

October Birthdays

- 6 - Pam Boyer
- 7 - Betty Tobolski
- 10 - David Hermanson
Rebecca Williams
- 11 - Theo Love
- 12 - Brenda Ackley
- 14 - Heather Papiano
- 16 - Oz Schumacher
- 18 - Arlene Cherwien
- 21 - Bob Cook
- 24 - Teresa Minnix
- 25 - Maggie Hunter

October Anniversaries

- 1 - Maureen & Mark Reidenauer
- 8 - Nicole & Mark Stanewich
- 17 - Gina & Thomas Allewelt



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Redeemer Lutheran Church
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The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

10:00 AM

BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS



REDEEMER COURTYARD



REDEEMER LUTHERAN
CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES
8:30 AM - Worship
9:15 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship

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

We are off to a busy start here at Redeemer this fall!

We kicked off the Sunday School year with breakfast, our service project to make school kits, and fun activities. I don't think we could have enjoyed more perfect weather for the Jerry Jam concert, when many of you joined us to hear great music and be together in the courtyard. Add in some outdoor worship, our youth participating in all sorts of sports, bountiful gardens, and time out with good friends, and I know we have all enjoyed God's gifts of late summer.

I don't know about you, but I feel better when I can go outside. Taking a deep breath, walking around the block—even feeling the breeze through a window—God's creation has a way of resetting our mind in a different framework.

I know that many people in our world, including many of us, do not feel very calm or optimistic right now. Anxiety, fear, and a lack of control in our lives seem to be constants, and we often feel powerless to change anything.

Rather than throwing our hands in the air and further numbing our minds on social media, let's instead take a moment to change course. Turn off the television. Set down the phone. Open the door and step outside. Take a deep breath.

If you are able, take the mission one step further and go for a walk outside. Listen to the birds. Notice the changing colors of the leaves. Watch the clouds race across the sky to the horizon.

And if you can, give of yourself. Come out to the fall clean up at church. Pick up trash at the park. Visit a neighbor just to check in and see how they are doing.

One of the greatest gifts of our faith is the recognition that this world is God's creation. We are blessed to enjoy it. We are called to serve in it. We are so loved by our Creator, that each day might be seen as a true gift.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather



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PLEASE NOTE. The deadline for information to be included in the newsletter is **the 15th of every month.**

Please e-mail your information to: **office@redeemervineland.org**

Redeemer's Mission Statement As a welcoming and nurturing community of faith we: invite all to celebrate Christ's love, empower one another to grow in Christ's love, share Christ's love as we minister to the world.



A huge thank you to all who brought in items for the Lutheran World Relief School Bag Project. We were able to fill 30 school bags with supplies that will be sent to areas of the greatest need. There actually was enough surplus that we were able to donate items to the Lutheran University in Liberia. and to school children in the Dominican Republic being helped by our friends in the Haitian Church that meets at Redeemer. This project was sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Church CLEAN UP

Everyone is encouraged to join up to prepare the church for winter!

- Work side-by-side
- Beautify the grounds
- Caring for the Church

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18TH

START AT
9:00 AM

QUESTIONS?

See Lynda Gilbert or Bud Gressman
If you have yard equipment, you are encouraged to bring it, including your own gloves

ARE YOU COMING?

Fall FOOD DRIVE



It is time for our Annual Food Drive, FEEDNE2025, which provides food for our local pantries and families in need. The goal is to gather a minimum of 500 items so the pantry can receive a check for \$500 to purchase additional food. We will be accepting non-perishable food items for the entire month of October. Watch the "cupboard" grow each week as our members and friends bring in items.

NEEDED:

Peanut Butter, jelly Spaghetti/Sauce Cereals and oatmeal Complete Pancake Mix Pasta - ziti, elbow, spaghetti, lasagna Egg noodles Stuffing Mix Cranberry Sauce Turkey Gravy Fried onion packages Yams Brown Sugar	Canned Veggies - corn, string beans, Mushrooms and diced tomato Rice - regular and minute Soups -cream of chicken, mushroom, celery Cake Mix/Icing Brownie Mix Coffee Tea Bags Nuts Applesauce Beef and chicken stock/broth Tomato sauce - regular and flavored
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ROADSIDE CLEANUP

Saturday Nov. 1
8:30 AM
Corner of Spring
and Maple



CODE BLUE COMING SOON! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Redeemer wants to continue this ministry but **we need volunteers** to assist with the cooking and planning of meals.

The Code Blue season is November 1 to April 15 each year.

Please prayerfully consider, if you can assist.

Please contact Dale Nichols
609-805-6283

"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." -Matthew 25:35

"Vineland Code Blue is a non profit organization who has been serving for over a decade dedicated to the homeless. We provide a warming center for the homeless when overnight temperatures drop to 32° from November 1 through April 15. We run solely on volunteers from the community to serve those less fortunate, take part in fellowship with them, and provide them with unconditional love & kindness!"



In August, we welcomed Bishop G. Victor Padmore and Dr. Sakui Malakpa, President of the Lutheran University in Liberia, as they updated us on the church in Liberia and the development of the Lutheran University, which we are supporting.



Can you believe these two members of Redeemer showed up in matching colors?! Claire Perez and Doris Allewelt must be on the same wavelength!

October Devotion by Deacon Federwitz

Thoughts: Mark10:17-31 and Psalm 90:13-17

I remember as a kid being quite upset when I would hear these verses from Mark's Gospel. Verse 17 begins with a young man asking the question, "... *what must I do to inherit eternal life?*" That was my question too. It is the answer that is upsetting. "*Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'* And when he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions."

What was it about these verses that upset me as a kid? I was the oldest of six kids growing up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin. I definitely was not the richest kid at school. This was especially apparent each time I needed new shoes and mom would take me to the Red Wing shoe store in Chilton to buy the most basic shoes. Other kids went shopping at the better stores in Appleton or Green Bay.

At the same time mom and dad reminded us about all the starving children in China so many times before we realized that compared with almost any other part of the world, we were in fact, quite well off.

It was later in college in my doctrine classes that I discovered that Jesus really didn't mean what he said at all. This wasn't about wealth, not really; it was about *our absolute inability to merit salvation and our utter dependence on God's mercy alone*. So, what must I do to inherit eternal life? **Follow Jesus!**

The Psalmist in Psalm 90:17 writes "...prosper for us the work of our hands..." The prayer, if you will, holds up the value of our daily work. Our daily work is important to God.

Question: The psalmist prays about daily work. What joys and concerns from your daily work could you include in your prayers?

Prayer: Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness. Teach us to number our days so that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. We give thanks for your benefits and serve you in willing obedience. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

This devotion was written by Robert Federwitz, a Deacon in the ELCA and a lifelong Lutheran educator, retired, living in Millville, New Jersey. Bob is the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association 2017 recipient of the Donald A. Vetter Educational Service Award. Email: bob@federwitz.com

Memorials

Donations were made

in loving memory of ***Dan Cherwien*** by:

Maxine Snyder, Dale and Christopher Nichols, Barbara Gruman, Richard and Gail Curcio, Phyllis Rambone and Silvio Belfi, Kevin and Candy Bernhardt, Deborah B. Wegner, Warren and Barbara Crescenzo, Mary and David Lechelt and Anthony and Denise Ragone

In loving memory of ***Jerry Amari*** by:

Bud and Marilyn Gressman



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long-term needs of:
Bill Frank, Betty Anderson, Bob & Tim Federwitz,
Ernestine Gbolo, Jessica Morrow, Alice Motter,
Scott Nagele, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Elaine Hering, Daniel Furio, Tracy Edwards, Patricia Nichols, Carl DeRenzis, Craig Terry, Dick & Carol Shenton, Ginny Workman, Carlo Drogo, and our College Students

*Please pray for the Rosario family upon the passing of Susan.

All troops serving our country and the world including:

Meredith Conley, Albert M. Floriani,
Michael Gonzalez & Kevin Sykes

If you have made any changes to your personal information (address, phone number, email or family changes), please let the office know so that we can update our files. Please send into the Church Office at office@redeemervineland.org or call 856-691-4278 ext. 102

Rally Day Fun!



Thank you to everyone for their support of the Jerry Jam! It was a beautiful day of music, friends, good food, and fantastic weather, and a wonderful opportunity to support Hydromissions, which brings clean water to people in remote places of the world.