



to our confirmands:  
Jaimmy Gonzalez and Madeline Helland



### Book Club

Will meet November 18th at 4:00 PM  
in the Manor House. They are currently reading  
"Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson.  
All are welcome.

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Redeemer Lutheran Church  
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**DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME ENDS  
FALL BACK**

**Set Your Clocks BACK an Hour**

Sunday, November 3,  
2024

November 11, 2024



*Veterans Day*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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

Do you have a favorite Thanksgiving song? I realize you might think that's a typo, so I better explain myself. After all, you are fully aware of my tendency to listen to Christmas music all too soon...

As I find myself peering past Halloween into the time we simply call "The Holidays," I want to be sure we take time to give thanks. No, I'm not worried that turkeys and pumpkin pies get overlooked. And while I hope we all have opportunities to gather with our families, there is something even more important that our faith calls us to do: give thanks.

The Psalms – which are our earliest church songs - repeatedly give thanks to God. And in the New Testament, 1 Thessalonians encourages us to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess. 5:18). The liturgy of worship welcomes praise, as we even say "Thanks be to God" after hearing from the Bible.

Personally, though, it is the hymns of this time of year that focus me most sharply on giving thanks. "Praise and Thanksgiving" and "Now Thank We All Our God" have been sung by multiple generations, while we sing "Give thanks with a grateful heart" with a more modern sound. When I hear "For the Beauty of the Earth," it is easy to make the connection with God's incredible gift of this world and its changing seasons.

And then there are the times maybe we do not expect to give thanks. I have attended many funerals where we have sung together "How Great Thou Art." In that hymn, we praise God for the beauty of creation – and the beauty of salvation. Yes, even through tears and the pain of grief, we sing praise together as God's people.

I do not know what your Thanksgiving holiday will look like this year. But I pray that each and every one of us is able to sing our favorite Thanksgiving song. In times that are easy and times that are challenging; in times of joy and times of grief; in all of the seasons God has created for us all, let us praise God.

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: **RLCOffice2384@gmail.com**







**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.

**Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?**

2024

NOVEMBER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27  ALL SAINTS Positive Change 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	28	29 6:30 PM AA Meeting	30	31	01 Senior Luncheon 	02 PRIVATE EVENT 10:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
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10 8:30 AM Worship (outside) 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship (inside)	11 Veteran's Day 	12 6:30 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	13 1:30 PM Thrivent	14	15	16 10:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
17 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM All Church Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship 	18 4:00 PM Book Club (Manor House) 	19 6:30 PM AA Meeting	20	21	22	23 10:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
24 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	25	26 6:30 PM AA Meeting	27	28 (church office closed) 	29 (church office closed)	30 10:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)

\*events subject to change

## Living Lutheran Review by Joan Freimanis

### Living Lutheran

The distribution of 3,000 disaster relief kits assembled during the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering was completed in mid-September, given to the underserved households in Louisiana.

New Orleans, that regularly experiences damaging events is accustomed to people "overpromising and underdelivering"

This year's Youth Gathering of 16,000 participants was partnered with the Louisiana Just Recovery Network – "Kids in the orange shirts . . . who show up and do what they said they'd do, joyfully!"

The ELCA Conference of Bishops has issued a statement on the need to speak the truth, "in part – We know that the power of truth is greater than the power of deceit"

"We refuse to accept the ongoing normalization of lies and deceit. We recommit ourselves to speaking the truth and pointing to the one who is truth"

To read the bishops' pledge, commitment, and rejections see <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8247>

The ELCA Conference of Bishops consists of the 65 synod bishops and the Presiding Bishop and Secretary.

**"Amplify the Voices of Truth"**

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Betty Anderson, Jerry Amari, Jerry Carter, Jim Clay, Tracy and Jud Edwards, Bob, Ellie & Tim Federwitz, Ernestine Gbolo, Linda Haines, Violet Harris, John Hoffman, John Jones, Jessica Morrow, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Dick & Carol Shenton, Kevin Thurlow, Katy Tyler, John Warren, Ginny Workman, and our College Students

Please keep the families and friends of Anja Lappinen and Violet Harris in your prayers upon their passing.

#### **All troops serving our country and the world including:**

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

#### **Donations made in memory of:**

**Harry Fisher** by: Claire & Roland Perez, Alison & Al Keller,  
Marilyn & Bud Gressman, Maxine Snyder  
**Violet Harris** by: Dale & Chris Nichols

We are once again collecting 500 food items for our local food bank and others in need in the community.

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> non-perishable items can be brought to the church. The local food bank will receive a \$500 check as well as food when we reach our goal.



Holiday food items are especially needed such as gravy, rice, potatoes, applesauce, cake mixes, coffee, etc. Below is a complete list. Help us feed those families who are food insecure.

***Stuffing mix, Gift cards for perishables, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, turkey broth, canned yams, brown sugar, applesauce, canned vegetables, rice, flour, cake mix & icing, brownie mix, coffee, tea bags, nuts, candy, paper plates, paper napkins, dessert plates, plastic tablecloths, mini marshmallows, canned applesauce, canned fruit, corn bread mix, hams, turkeys, dry beans for soups, apple juice, hot chocolate mix***

## Children's Christmas Pageant

December 15th

Calling all kids!

Be sure to watch for practice dates and more!

Don't miss out!!



Happy  
**Thanksgiving**  
WISHING YOU A WARM AND JOYFUL  
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION!

NOTE: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
NOVEMBER 28 & 29

## All Saint's Day

**3rd November 2024**

We remember:

Harry Fisher

Albin Hermanson

Jean Holshue

Alma Sessa

Herb Wegner

Kevin Yearsley

Upcoming Senior Events for those 55+ish.

Call the church office for more information or to  
RSVP for these upcoming events.



November 1 -  
"Expand your taste buds" luncheon  
(RSVP)

December 21 - Santa & the White Elephant



The GIVING TREE for the children served by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem Counties will be up November 17th. We are again asking for \$25 gift cards for either Kohl's, Target, Dick's or Walmart. In the past your generosity has been wonderful as you have put smiles on the faces of 50 different children each year.

2 - Greta Barneski  
3 - Dylan Papiano  
4 - Carol Shenton  
6 - Brian Harrison  
8 - Jerry Amari  
Katerina Love  
9 - Bob Federwitz  
11 - Aiden Drogo  
Edward Drogo  
Gavin Drogo



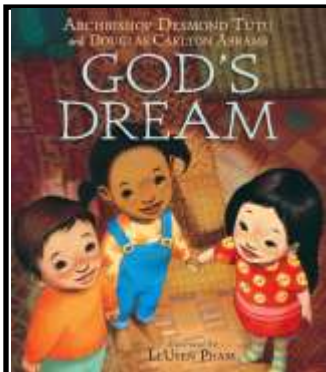
12 - Tammy Drogo  
16 - Jared Penven  
17 - Carlo Drogo, Jr.  
20 - William Frank  
John Warren  
21 - Bud Gressman  
22 - Violet Harris  
24 - Maureen Ellis  
Gianni Ketcham  
25 - Madison Kenyon  
26 - Alvin Cloak  
28 - Terry Love  
29 - Blanca Helland

3 - Ernestine & Morris Gbolo  
12 - Darlene & Ed Morvay  
20 - William Lomberg & Maureen Ellis  
21 - Heather & Greg Sugden  
26 - Leasa & David Hermanson  
30 - Kim & Robert DeMarchi





Special thanks to those who helped load the truck full of quilts from around the region that were donated to Lutheran World Relief. The churches from around South Jersey added 110 boxes to the truck, stuffing it full!



### Book Review by Doris Allewelt

GOD'S DREAM, by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. A book for preschoolers (and all ages). It tells how God dreams about people caring, sharing, and loving and how we can help make God's dream a reality.



## Blessings of the Animals

"IF YOU HAVE MEN WHO WILL EXCLUDE ANY OF GOD'S CREATURES FROM THE SHELTER OF COMPASSION AND PITY, YOU WILL HAVE MEN WHO WILL DEAL LIKEWISE WITH THEIR FELLOW MEN."  
- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



## Thank you!



ON OCTOBER 19TH, A DEDICATED GROUP CAME TOGETHER TO HELP BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH GROUNDS.  
A BIG THANK YOU TO THIS HARDWORKING TEAM FOR THEIR AMAZING EFFORTS!