



The Newsletter of
Redeemer Lutheran Church
September 2016

The Witness

Daytime Drop In Opens

Thursday November 3 at 7:00 am

All Saints Sunday

Sunday November 6 at 8:00 and 10:00 am

WACM Coat Drive

Wednesday November 9—Saturday November 12

Rotary Food Distribution

Friday November 18 at 1:00 pm

Parish Fellowship Game Night

Saturday November 19 at 7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday November 23 at 7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need

Thursday November 24 at 11:30 am

Special Congregational Meeting

We will meet on Sunday December 4 at 9:15 am to elect a call committee for our new pastor.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday December 4 at 9:15 am

The church council has called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday December 4 at 9:15am, between services.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Call Committee for a new pastor. Our constitution requires that the Call Committee should be composed of six voting members and two alternates elected by the members of the congregation.

Application forms to volunteer for or nominate someone to serve on the Call Committee were distributed during worship in September and are still available at the Welcome Table.

We would like all forms to be turned in by Sunday November 27 so that a ballot can be created. Of course, nominations can be made at the meeting.

If you have any questions about what is involved with being on the Call Committee please ask Bruce Friedman, Congregation President, or Pastor Debbie Kelly.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this service.

Bruce Friedman, Council President

Worship & Music

All Saints Day

Sunday November 6

Sunday November 6 is All Saints Day when we give thanks for loved ones who are deceased. Pastor Debbie invites you

to bring in 4x6 inch pictures of your departed loved ones. If there is someone whose faith life has been an inspiration to you (living or dead) you can add their name to our All Saints Banner by contacting the office or Carolyn Jurisch. Also, there is also a sign up sheet at the Welcome Table to honor the deceased during worship on that day.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship/Pie Fest

Wednesday November 23 @ 7:00 pm

On Wednesday November 23 at 7:30 pm there will be a Thanksgiving Eve Service, followed by a Pie Fest with our PADS guests. Come, bring your favorite pie, and start your Thanksgiving holiday with us!

Looking Ahead

November 27—First Sunday of Advent

December 18—Christmas Program at 10:00 am & Angel Brunch at 11:10 am

December 24—Christmas Eve Worship at 5:30 pm

December 25—Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 am (no 8:00 am service)

Social Justice

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday November 24 at 11:30 am
Once again for the 11th year we will provide Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need. We generally prepare and serve about 200 dinners. Some are served here at Redeemer and others are delivered to shut-

ins in Woodstock, Wonder Lake and McHenry. We also deliver to the Fire Department and (new this year) the Police Department!

We need people to donate food (by Sunday November 20) and help with food preparation (starting Tuesday November 22). You can sign up online or at the Welcome Table to prepare, serve, or deliver food on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks to Charlotte Scholpp and all her helpers who make this great event possible every year!

Daytime Drop In Resumes

WACM'S Daytime Drop-in Center at Redeemer for those experiencing homelessness will begin another year of ministry at 7:00 am. on Thursday November 3.

After the PADS guests eat breakfast the Drop In Center opens. The team cares for the computer center, personal items station, television, coffee machine, and snack table. The team also monitors the rest rooms and the laundry schedule. They have an opportunity to talk with the guests and with one another.

As noon approaches a team from one of the WACM churches brings in a hot homemade lunch and serves it to both the guests and the volunteers. Clean up follows and the PADS bus picks up the guests and takes them to the next site –another church in McHenry County.

If you are interested in this ministry in any way please contact John Hudson, the coordinator.

Mattress Covers

We recently used some of our homeless ministry grant money to purchase covers for all of the PADS and Daytime Drop In mattresses. These covers provide protection from stains, moisture, dust mites, and bed bugs. They are also machine washable. Thanks to Michelle Schindler and Bruce Friedman for making this happen.

Rotary Food Distribution

Friday November 18 at 1:00 pm

The Rotary Food Distribution this month will be on November 18. All are invited to come and help. *This is the last food truck until February 2016.*

WACM Coat Drive

November 9-12

The Woodstock Area Community Ministry Share the Warmth Coat Drive will be held in the Redeemer sanctuary again this year. Coats will be delivered at 4:00 pm Tuesday November 8 so we need people help rearrange the sanctuary and bring up the racks from the basement on Monday night.

Coats are distributed on Wednesday November 9 for special clients, and then open to the general public on Thursday and Friday, November 10-11 from 4:00-7:00 pm, and also on Saturday November 12 from 9-12:00 pm.

We invite you to start bringing in your donations at any time and put them in the barrel in the church lobby.

Parish Fellowship

Family Game Night

Sunday November 19

Come to Family Game Night on Saturday November 19 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a finger food to share and your favorite game. Beverages will be provided. There will be a sign up sheet on the Welcome Table. Come for the 3 "F" Food, Fellowship, and Fun!!

Upcoming Events

December: Sunday, December 18 at 11:15- Angel Brunch - Bring a Christmas dish for our shared meal and one or more \$5.00 Walmart gift cards. A sign up sheet will be on Welcome Table.

Property

Christmas Lights

We are looking for donations for white outdoor LED Christmas lights to decorate our bushes. Please bring them in to the church office. We will start putting them up after Thanksgiving.

Thank You

Our property team has been busy sprucing things up. Thanks to the work of many volunteers our kitchen was thoroughly cleaned, the bushes have been trimmed, the lawn is being mowed every week, the bathrooms are looking better, there is less debris on our church grounds, the bathroom fan switches have been replaced, and Pastor Debbie's office is being remodeled. Thanks so much!!

Christian Education

Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9:10 am

The time for Sunday School has been changed since returning to two services. Classes now meet from 9:10 to 9:50 each week. It would be helpful if one or two substitute teachers can be found. If you would like to volunteer please see Deb Story or Mary Laidig.

Daytime Bible Study

Pastor John will heat up the winter with a Wednesday morning Bible class called, "Beyond the Ten Commandments" starting on January 4 and continuing through February 22 .

Christians have had many discussions on how to deal with the laws in the Old Testament. Are they to be followed? Are we not to eat pork or shell fish? Can we wear clothes of mixed textures? How do we deal with the laws on sexuality? We will take a look at the 619 designated laws. Each class member will receive a copy, We will be surprised what they cover such as "to love God" and "not to oppress the poor."

The class will look at how both Jesus and Paul dealt with the legal tradition, and the response of the church over the last 21 centuries. We will be bringing reason and light to a subject that has caused conflict and even great harm to the message of Jesus and His love. Don't miss this stimulating learning opportunity!!

Pastor's Message

Friends in Christ,

What does November mean to you? Our youngest, Daniel believes that since November is his birth month, it should be a month long celebration. But in the average household, November is traditionally thought of, or perhaps a reminder, to be thankful.

If you recall, at our October 9th Worship service, I asked you to write what you were thankful for. #1 on the list (mentioned on almost every card) is Family. Without our families, where would we be? One person wrote; I am thankful for my husband, as he helps me get a grip. (I can totally agree with this comment)

So many (including myself) are grateful for our health. One person wrote, Thankful for God's healing, in that without my health, I would have difficulty giving back to others.

If I may include a grouping of a few more; giving thanks for divine encounters; the beauty of the earth, healthy and healing; the gifts of the Holy Spirit; the ability to grow in my faith; for the talents I've been given; for all that God has given me; I give thanks to God for this rich and glorious earth, God's constant love and the promise of life eternal in his kingdom of joy; I am thankful that Jesus loves me and lives in my heart; that I can worship, freely without fear of reprisals; and if I might add one more – that Jesus died for me. (you, me, all people). Can I get a AMEN!

Yes, Jesus died for our sins, and we are thankful for God's abundant love, continual, constant presence and the ability to grow in our relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, each and every day of our lives. We have so much to be thankful for.

If I might add my own personal words of thanks. I am grateful, and thankful for each and every day of my life. I am blessed beyond blessed, by our God who loves me, and each of you abundantly. Our God who is always present, through every turn that we take throughout this journey we call life. I am grateful for my husband, Dan, our 3 children, Jason, Sarah, and Daniel and my future daughter in law, Amanda, who have taught me so much and who are and will always be, my best friends (I love you). I am also grateful for my brothers and sisters of Redeemer who have welcomed me and who walk with me as we share the gospel with others. We have a God who so loves the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16) Yes, we have much to be thankful for!

May God bless you and keep you in his Grace!

Pastor Debbie

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We try to create an accurate listing of members' birthdays and anniversaries. If your important date isn't listed, please email the church office at info@rlcw.org and we will make sure that we get it right next time. We hope you enjoy this feature and appreciate your patience with any (unintentional) errors or omissions!

Birthdays

November 2 Kris Victory
November 5 Robert Jablonski, Sr.
November 7 Edith Jablonski
November 9 Drake Friedman
November 11 Annabella Scholpp
November 13 Francis Bennett
November 15 Rich Johnson
November 16 Dave Zoellick
November 16 Joseph, Jr. Scholpp
November 16 Colby Hartnett

Anniversaries

November 7, 1981
Dave & Laura Byers

November 8, 2013
Kathie Schultz & Paul Laudick

November 28, 1964
Bill & Carol Lapp

Council Report

The Council report was given during the October 16 service by Gloria Peetz.

The Council met on Tuesday October 11, starting with Evening Prayer in the sanctuary.

The Council sadly accepted the resignation of John Van Fleet, who is forced to quit due to health issues. Many thanks to John and to Joe Scholpp for volunteering to fill the vacancy.

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting to select a Call Committee for our new permanent pastor. All members are encouraged to volunteer for the committee and attend the meeting.

There are many exciting events coming up, including Family Game Night, the Food Pantry Trick or Treat, Advent Worship, Christmas Program, Craft Fair, and Coat Drive.

The Council meeting will be on Tuesday November 8. All are invited.

Fundraising

Snow Angels Craft Fair

Saturday December 3 at 8:00 am

Join the holiday festivities that include a wide array of area crafters with the perfect holiday gifts, the best Cookie Walk around and beautiful handcrafted quilts by the Redeemer Quilters!

Bakers, get out your aprons. Cookie sales are a big part of the fundraising for this event and we have to live up to our

reputation as "the best Cookie Walk around!"

Donate your "Attic Treasures" new or gently used items beginning in November for our 2nd annual Attic Treasures table. It can be dishware, holiday items, antiques, men's items, pictures, dolls, toys, etc.

Thanks to Pat Peterson, Mary Laidig and Arne Olsen for coordinating this event!

Car Show Signs

If you still haven't returned your Car Show signs to the office, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks!!

Spiritual Life

The Spiritual Growth and Discipleship Team has changed its name **to Spiritual Life** in conformity with our church constitution. We are working on many events and activities over the next few months! Current team participants are John & Susan Hudson, Dave & Laura Byers, Bruce Friedman and Pastor Debbie. If you would like to be part of the Spiritual Life team please let us know.

Jewish Sabbath Meal

On Saturday November 12 at 6:00 pm we will meet at the Hudson's' house to experience a Sabbath (Shabbat) meal. This important weekly ritual has been celebrated by Jews – including Jesus - throughout the millennia. We will discover how some of the foundations for modern Christian worship can be traced to this ancient practice. You must sign up by Sunday November 6 at the Welcome Table.

Prayer Cell Group

Churches are increasingly depending on small cell groups as a path to spiritual growth and discipleship. We are excited to announce that we are forming a cell or small group that focuses on prayer. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm with the following schedule:

Week 1: Prayer at the Hudson's home

Week 2: Evening Prayer with the Church Council

Week 3: Prayer at the Byers' home

Week 4: Taize Prayer at First Congregational Church in Crystal Lake

Week 5: Prayer Walking

Dave Byers will continue to lead us in singing. If you are interested in joining this group please tell Susan, Dave, or Pastor Debbie.

Other Events for 2017

- Equipping sessions on Spiritual Coping Strategies for Difficult Times, Sharing Your Faith Statement, and a Biblical Approach to Stress Reduction.
- The Men's Prayer Breakfast will resume in January.
- During Holy Week we will have a Maundy Thursday Passover experience and an Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday that will include a renewal of baptism.
- We also hope to organize another Lake Geneva retreat next year.

Lots to look forward to! Please join us!

Mistletoe Magic

Saturday November 5 at 9:00 am

Come one come all and bring your friends and neighbors too!! Grace Lutheran Church presents its annual Mistletoe Magic Boutique Art and Craft sale on Saturday November 5 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. In addition to unique, finely handcrafted items created by members of Grace, there will be a luncheon, bake sale, cookie walk, and live entertainment. All proceeds benefit Turning Point, WACM's Direct Assistance Program, and the Wednesday Night PADS Homeless Site here at Redeemer.

Grace is located at 1300 Kishwaukee Valley Road in Woodstock.

Web Team

During the past month our Facebook page had a lot of attention!! 3,349 people viewed our page, and 1,016 were "engaged", which means they liked or commented on one or more of our pages.

Arne Olsen is currently filming and posting Pastor Debbie's sermons, and 2,100 people have viewed the video of her October 9 sermon. Also, more than 1,000 people saw our car show post, and 69 were engaged.

Most of our viewers (66%) are women. Currently we have 185 page "likes". Thanks to Arne and Susan Hudson for maintaining Redeemer's active presence on Facebook.

Our Leadership Team

<u>Team</u>	<u>Team Leader</u>	<u>Council Liaison</u>	<u>Team Members</u> <i>(at least 2 members needed — in addition to chair and liaison)</i>
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Finance	Bill Lapp	Deb Story	Bruce Friedman
Outreach/Evangelism	Joe Scholpp	Debbie Dechant	Dave Byers, Arne Olsen, Susan Hudson
Parish Education		Mary Laidig	Deb Story, Marie Nikitovich
Parish Fellowship	Laura Byers		Ginger Johnson, Liz Henniges, Jerry Sanato, Anne Johnson
Property	Joe Scholpp	Marie Nikitovich	
Social Justice		Owen Wilson	Carol Knudsen (<i>Food Pantry rep.</i>) Charlotte Scholpp (<i>WACM rep.</i>) Arne Olsen (<i>WACM rep.</i>) John Hudson (<i>Daytime Drop-In</i>) Hank Enstrom (<i>PADS</i>)
Spiritual Life	Susan Hudson	Bruce Friedman	Dave & Laura Byers, John Hudson
Stewardship	Dick Peterson	Bruce Friedman	
Worship and Music	Carolyn Jurisch	Gloria Peetz	Anne Johnson

March 2016 Sunday Servants

8:00 AM

Michelle Anderson
Susan Hudson
Brian & Britt Lee
John & Susan Hudson

6-Nov

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter
Altar Care: Dick & Pat
Peterson

10:00 AM

Dick & Pat Peterson
Carolyn Jurisch
Bill & Carol Schultz
Rich & Ginger Johnson

8:00 AM

Ray Lucich
Irene Berger
Carol & LeRoy Knudsen
Phyllis Ule

13-Nov

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter
Altar Care:

10:00 AM

Joe Scholpp
Deb Story
Bruce Friedman & Paige
Schindler
Dave & Laura Byers

8:00 AM

Curtis Bruce
Gloria Peetz
Dan Kelly & Marie
Nikitovich
Don & Irene Range

20-Nov

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter
Altar Care: Dick & Pat
Peterson

10:00 AM

Bruce Friedman
Mary Laidig
Robert Jablonski Jr./Sr.
Steven Ujka & Betty Frank

8:00 AM

Phyllis Ule
Kris Victory
Nick & Jamielynn
Wedoff
Liz Henniges

27-Nov

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter
Altar Care:

10:00 AM

Anne Johnson
Kathie Schultz
Joe & Charlotte Scholpp
Carolyn Jurisch

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:00p Prayer Cell at Hudsons	2 12:00p Bulletin Deadline 6:30p Sion Ministries 7:00p PADS Opens	3 7:00a PADS Closes 7:00a Daytime Drop In 8:45a TOPS 7:00p Praise & Prayer 7:00p 4-H	4	5
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