



The Newsletter of
Redeemer Lutheran Church
November 2014

The Witness

Men's Prayer Breakfast at Three Brothers

Saturday November 1 @ 8:00 am

Spirit of Joy Reunion & All Saints Sunday

Sunday November 2 @ 10:00 am

Daytime Drop-In Starts

Thursday November 6 @ 7:00 am

Discipleship Gathering at Redeemer

Thursday November 13 @ 6:30 pm

Rotary Food Distribution

Friday November 14 @ 1:00 pm

Thrivent Luncheon

Sunday November 16 @ 11:30 am

Giving In Grace Celebration Brunch

Sunday November 23 @ 11:30 am

Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fest

Wednesday November 26 @ 7:30 pm

Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need

Thursday November 27 @ 11:30 am

Worship and Music

Spirit of Joy Reunion

Sunday November 2 at 10:00 am

On All Saints Sunday, we'll celebrate the ministry of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, its members, and its ministries. It had a wonderful history and several families (**Carolyn Jurisch, Rich & Ginger Johnson, Liz Henniges, Dylan & Irene Berger, Jo Van Duyn**) came to us from this Marengo church after it closed.

The other members of Spirit of Joy have been invited to attend this special reunion service where we will honor them and the memory of this special church. A luncheon will be hosted by the Worship Committee after the second service.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship And Pie Fest

Wednesday November 26 @ 7:30 pm

On Wednesday November 26 at 7:30 pm there will be a Thanksgiving Eve Service. Our PADS guests are invited to join us and afterward, we'll have our Pie Fest. Come, bring your favorite pie and start your Thanksgiving holiday with us!

Praise and Prayer Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Every Thursday evening members of our new band get together to pray and worship together. It's a great way to learn some of the new songs that are shared on fourth Sundays! It's also an opportunity to pray through song. All are welcome!

Looking Ahead

Sunday November 30—First Sunday of

Advent

Sunday December 21—Christmas
Program at 10:00 am

Wednesday December 24—Christmas
Eve Worship at 5:30 pm

Thursday December 25—Christmas
Day Worship at 10:00 am

Social Justice

Daytime Drop-In Resumes Thursdays 6:30 am to 1:00 pm

On Thursday November 6 the Woodstock Area Community Ministries (WACM) Daytime Drop-In program for the homeless resumes every week from 6:30 am to 1:00 pm until the end of March. Thanks to **John Hudson** for volunteering to serve for the third year as the program coordinator.

Daytime Drop-In allows the homeless to relax indoors, sleep late, wash clothes, access the Internet, and watch TV. Guests also enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal prepared by various WACM churches.

Thanks to John and the rest of the Redeemer team for volunteering to help—especially **Dave & Laura Byers, LeRoy Knudsen, Owen Wilson, Arne Olsen, and Susan Hudson**. More volunteers are needed, especially from 6:30 to 7:30 am when we transition from the PADS emergency shelter to WACM Daytime Drop-in Center.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday November 27 @ 11:30 am

Once again for the ninth year we will provide Thanksgiving Dinner for those

who need. We generally prepare and serve more than 200 dinners. Some are served here at Redeemer and others are delivered to shut-ins in Woodstock, Wonder Lake and McHenry.

We need people to donate food (by Sunday November 23) and help with food preparation (starting on Tuesday November 25). You can also 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!

Rotary Food Distribution Friday November 14 @ 1:00 pm

The Rotary Food Distribution this month will be on November 14, a week earlier than usual. All are invited to come and help, starting at 1:00 pm (not 12:30). This is the last food distribution until February 2015.

If you would like to help people during the Christmas season, please consider donations to Christmas Clearing House. Also, help is needed for this effort that helps over 1000 families within D200 boundaries during the holidays.

See Pastor Tom for more information.

Outreach and Evangelism

Snow Angels Craft Fair

Saturday December 6 @ 8:00 am

Saturday December 6 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm is our annual Snow Angels Craft Fair, Cookie Walk, and Quilt Sale

featuring quilts created by our Redeemer Quilters. This is one of Redeemer's major fundraisers. It's a great way to get some Christmas shopping done, have some fun, enjoy some great baked goods and support your church!

See Arne Olsen to find out how you can help with setup and cleanup. We also need people to bring in lots of home-baked cookies. Sign up sheets will be available at the Welcome Table.

Synod Event

Discipleship Gathering

Thursday November 13 @ 6:30 pm

This year Redeemer will host the Northeast Conference's Discipleship Gathering. The focus of the gathering is ***Invitation and Congregational Hospitality***. Bishop Gary Wollersheim and other synod leaders will be attending and presenting, so be sure to make plans to attend.

As part of the event, our Parish Fellowship Team is organizing a light supper, so please consider helping serve and then staying for the program



Congratulations to Danny Cubert, Molly Griffin, Maggie Griffin, and Christine Schultz who were confirmed on Reformation Sunday. We congratulate these wonderful young people for taking this important step in their faith journey.



On October 19 seven children celebrated First Communion: Julia Laidig, Anastasija Malicki, Caroline Malicki, Benjamin Scholpp, Nathaniel Rogers, Mia Wakefield, and Anabella Scholpp.

Pastor's Message

It is Halloween today, but it is also the last day that money can be earned for our Thrivent Foundation *Neighbors in Need Challenge Grant*. It is a tremendous honor to share that we have exceeded our goal of raising \$10,000 and will indeed earn the \$5000 match from the Foundation.

It is fantastic that we were able to exceed our goal without receiving anticipated grant funding. We hope to still receiving those funds – hoped to be in excess of \$2500. However, the major success of our fundraisers and that has helped us meet our goal.

Last month's focus was on our amazing car show fundraiser. This month, the focus turns to the overwhelming success of the Crandall's Dinner. They redeemed 454 tickets, including 68 tickets sold at the door and 12 sold online through our website.

The staff was impressed not only by how well we did for a first time but also by how many people showed up at the door. The financial result was that we made over \$3100 on ticket sales, nearly \$800 on the auction items and the quilt raffle, and about \$50 in tips. We totaled nearly \$4000 in profit from this event. Great job!

We could not have done it without great leadership from Debbie Dechant, who also happened to celebrate her 24th wedding anniversary that night! Also, Char & Joe Scholpp, Laura & Dave Byers, Pat & Dick Peterson and our Thrivent associate Bill

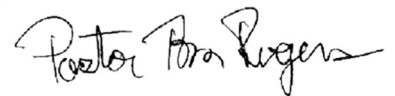
Collingbourne worked to bus and clean tables the entire night. So many others deserve thanks as well: either working that night, selling tickets, or soliciting auction items.

Special recognition goes to Marie Nikitovich for selling over 60 tickets – amazing! In addition, our partners in WACM were huge helpers. For example, Renee Witt from 1st United Methodist sold 39 tickets and Sheila Beu from St. John's Lutheran (Woodstock) sold 28. We also received strong support from Woodstock Free Methodist and 1st Presbyterian.

The hard work is done and now the fun begins – figuring out how to spend the money as we refurbish our building and add to our programs that will help us to continue to serve our *Neighbors in Need*.

It is appropriate that on Sunday November 23 – our *Giving in Grace* Stewardship Celebration Sunday – the Gospel text is Matthew 25:31-46, the Biblical basis for the *Neighbors in Need Challenge Grant*.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, we have much to give God thanks for – Thanks Be to God!



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 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	Joseph "Joey" Scholpp
November 16	Colby Hartnett
November 25	Thelma Schultz
November 30	Trinity Paice

Anniversaries

Dave & Laura Byers
November 7, 1981

Bill & Carol Lapp
November 28, 1964

RINGS (Our HS youth group)

Upcoming Events

(All times 5:00 –7:30pm unless noted)

Nov. 9 - Just Dance Party @ Grace

Nov. 23 - Cookie baking @ Redeemer

Dec. 6, 11am-2pm - Lunch @ Redeemer's Craft Fair

Dec. 14 - Christmas Party @ St. John's

HarvestFest Recap

RINGS HarvestFest on October 18 was a great success, raising \$815 for pediatric cancer research and the 2015 Youth mission trip. The most popular activity was "Pie the Pastor." People bought tickets for a chance to throw pies at Pastors Tom, Sarah, and Andy!

Property

Parking Lot Improvements

Our parking lot has been mended along the sidewalk, sealcoated and striped. We also now have regulation disability and dedicated visitor spaces!

These improvements were paid for with the initial funding from our **Neighbors in Need Grant**.

Thank You!

Many thanks to our 2014 mowing team **Don Range** and **Dan Sychowski**! Despite the fact that the grass grew like wildfire this year our lawn always looked great! We greatly appreciate their faithful service to keep our grounds looking inviting!

Finance

Online Giving

We are pleased to offer online giving so that people can make contributions to the church using credit cards or scheduled withdrawals. We were even able to sell Crandall's tickets online!

A handout detailing this service will be available soon. Until then, if you have any questions on how to use this system, please contact Pastor Tom.

We are offering this service for a year and we will be evaluated whether we continue its use then.

Thrivent

Financial Workshop

Sunday November 16 at 11:30 am

On Sunday November 16 at 11:30 am there will be a special Thrivent Financial workshop offered called ***Your Legacy: Family, Church and Charity.***

A pizza lunch will be served. Call (815.546.3160) or email (bill.collingbourne@thrivent.com) our representative Bill Collingbourne by Nov. 14 to RSVP.

Office News

Winter Office Hours

During the Daytime Drop-In season Susan will be in the office on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm instead of Thursdays. She will shift back to Thursdays in April.

Stewardship

Giving In Grace

On Sunday November 23 we have the joy of gathering for our ***Giving in Grace*** Celebration of Ministry and Commitment Sunday. The highlight will be a catered Celebration Luncheon organized by our Parish Fellowship Team at 11:30 am. Please plan now on attending!

We will come together, giving thanks to God for the many ways that our family at Redeemer touches lives with the love of Jesus Christ. It is wonderful how we are in ministry together here Redeemer with our many partners, doing God's work with our hands in the name of Christ.

On this Sunday, we will have the opportunity to make our commitments of how we can share our talents, gifts, skills and abilities for God's use in ministry here at Redeemer for 2015. Prayerfully consider now how you will share your time, talent and treasure that you have been so richly gifted with by God.

Thanks be to God for the gift of grace in Christ and the opportunity of giving in grace as an expression of joy and thanksgiving for all God's blessings!

Again, please plan on joining us on Sunday November 23 for a great celebration here at our corner of Hickory and Dean!

Parish Fellowship

On Saturday October 4, 11 people attended our All Church Breakfast at Golden Corral in Algonquin. The food was great and there was plenty of time to relax and talk. We hope to do it again sometime.

Thanks

We received this email:

Dear folks @ Redeemer Lutheran Church,

I'm writing (a bit belatedly) on behalf of my husband, Karl Nielsen, regarding the Car Show you held this past summer. He attended with his 1940 Dodge

pickup and was delighted with your show from start to finish and very pleased at how well-run and how much fun it was.

Karl goes many car shows, but he said yours was particularly nice. He asked me to tell you "thanks to all" and he hopes to see you again next year!

God bless!

Lynn (& Karl) Nielsen

For the Latest News...

Become a **Redeemer Fan** by liking us on Facebook. After you like us, turn on "Notifications" to get all the latest Redeemer news. If you need help with this please see Arne Olsen or Susan Hudson.

Also remember that you can also get

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>
Parish Education		Curt Bruce	Deb Story
Parish Fellowship	Laura Byers	Anne Johnson	Ginger Johnson Liz Henniges Jerry Sanato
Social Justice		Owen Wilson	Carol Knudsen <i>(Food Pantry rep.)</i> Charlotte Scholpp <i>(WACM rep.)</i> Arne Olsen <i>(WACM rep.)</i>
Outreach/Evangelism	Dave Byers Arne Olsen	Joe Scholpp	The entire congregation!
Worship and Music	Carolyn Jurisch	John Van Fleet	Gloria Peetz Anne Johnson Susan Hudson
Stewardship	Pastor Tom	Dick Peterson	
Finance	Bill Lapp	Deb Story	Bruce Friedman
Property		Debbie Dechant	Don Range, Dan Sychowski
Prayer	Susan Hudson	Pastor Tom	The entire congregation!

November 2014 Sunday Servants

8:00 AM

John & Susan Hudson
n/a
Andy & Kimberly Zinke
Dylan & Irene Berger

2-Nov

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter

Altar Care: John & Kelly Van Fleet

10:00 AM

Bruce Friedman
n/a
Rich & Ginger Johnson
Carolyn Jurisch

8:00 AM

n/a
n/a
L Henniges & M Nikitovich
LeRoy & Carol Knudsen

9-Nov

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter

Altar Care: Mary Laidig

10:00 AM

Dave Byers & Robert Jablonski, Jr.
n/a
Dick & Pat Peterson
Anne Johnson

8:00 AM

Danny Cubert & Curt Bruce
n/a
Joe & Tracy Cubert
Don & Irene Range

16-Nov

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter

Altar Care: John & Kelly Van Fleet

10:00 AM

Joe Scholpp & Molly Griffin
n/a
John & Kelly Van Fleet
Bill & Carol Schultz

8:00 AM

n/a
Gloria Peetz
Jim & Phyllis Ule
Brian & Britt Lee

23-Nov

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter

Altar Care:

10:00 AM

Kathie Schultz & Deb Story
Anne Johnson
Joe & Charlotte Scholpp
Steve Ujka & Betty Frank

8:00 AM

n/a
Irene Berger
Nick & Jamielynn Wedoff
John & Susan Hudson

30-Nov

Communion
Reader
Usher
Greeter

Altar Care:

10:00 AM

Ginger Johnson & Maggie Griffin
Pat Peterson
Dave & Laura Byers
Bruce Friedman

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00a Men's Breakfast at Three Brothers
2 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:00a Communion Worship 9:00a Oatmeal Bar 9:10a Christian Education 10:00a Communion Worship & Spirit of Joy Reunion 11:00a Shared Meal 2:00p Pentecostal Church	3 9:00a Quilters 6:00p Girl Scouts 6:30p Boy Scouts	4 6:00a ELECTIONS 7:00p Evening Prayer	5 4:00p Bulletin Deadline 7:00p PADS Opens	6 7:00a PADS Closes 7:00a Daytime Drop In 8:45a TOPS 7:00p Praise & Prayer 7:00p Outreach Team 7:30p 4-H	7	8
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