

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER Eblast FOR 5/25



Returning to Ordinary Time

Now that the Great 50 days of Easter are over, you will notice a few liturgical changes beginning this weekend: The confession is back. (The confession was omitted during the Easter Season as Easter is a season celebrating the Risen Christ and an acknowledgment that ALL is forgiven.) The Paschal Candle is no longer prominently placed front and center where the symbolism of Christ's triumph over the darkness of sin and death is preeminent. The candle will be moved closer to the baptismal font ready for use at baptism. We will begin using Eucharist Prayer C and will continue its use during Episcopal services during the Summer.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS!

You read that correctly! On Thursday, we hosted the Valley United Presbyterian Church as they provided the free community meal of sloppy joes. Next Thursday, May 31st, we host the meal and we're looking forward to Hot Dogs and slaw to kick off the summer. Come enjoy fellowship with our neighbors.

LOOKING AHEAD:



Office Closed

On Monday May 28th the church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Pastor Melinda is available for pastoral emergencies by calling her cell phone (703) 927-6159.

Church of the Redeemer Street Faire - Donations Appreciated

Our Street Faire is coming up quickly on Saturday June 2nd. Please consider making a contribution toward any of these very popular venues:

- Lottery Ticket Raffle Basket: Sponsored by the Vestry, please leave donations of either lottery tickets or cash to purchase them in the office.
- Pie Table: Pies are very popular. Please sign up to make your favorite pie. There is a Sign-Up sheet on the table in the Church.
- White Elephant Sale: Please check your closets, attics, etc. and bring your good quality items to the church. Call Bruce or Rose Carpenter at (570) 888-1648 if you need your items picked up.
- **THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY SERVICE ON JUNE 2ND! Join us on Sunday @ 11:00.**



St. Mary's Picnic

The annual picnic will be held on Tuesday June 5th 2018 at Betsy Schumacher's home. Her address is 202 Plain Street in Milltown. To get there, cross the Milltown bridge and take the first left. All women of the parish are warmly invited to join us for great food and even better fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass and a place setting. Beverages will be provided. This will be the last meeting until September.

LOOK WHAT WE DID TO SUPPORT OUR KIDS!



THE LENTEN BOXES COLLECTED \$354.75(\$141.00 CAME FROM THE RETURNABLE CANS AND BOTTLES). THIS YEAR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REQUESTED HEIFER INTERNATIONAL TO PURCHASE FISH WITH THEIR DONATION. THANK YOU FOR THE RETURNABLE CANS AND BOTTLES. I'M STARTING TO COLLECT THE RETURNABLES FOR 2019.



Thank you! Thank you! ... to everyone who helped make our bake sale held on May 18th and 19th a huge success. There was a delicious variety of baked goods to sell to our appreciative customers. The proceeds totaling \$309.35 from this sale were turned over to the Youth Group to help with their expenses for their meeting/mission trip to Texas in June.



Miles of Pennies: Congratulations to the Sunday School class for winning the Miles of Pennies competition. The Sunday School collected a whopping \$103.26 and the adults collected \$56.65 for a total of \$159.91.

NO PRESSURE HERE, HOWEVER IF YOU WANT TO LOOK STYLIN' CONSIDER THIS:

Youth Group T-Shirt Sale

If you are interested in ordering a T-Shirt to wear in support of the Youth Group Going to Texas, you can do so by emailing or Texting Abby McConnell Ryan @ abbymcconnell@gmail.com or 607-731-9353. Please include: Size and Quantity with message. The cost is \$12 for sizes S-2XL and the shirts are lime green with black print. Please submit your order to Abby by May 31st. You can make checks out to St John Lutheran Church and put youth t-shirt in the memo. If you put it in the plate, it will get to the right place. All orders must be paid for by May 31st.



St. Mary's Guild would like to thank *everyone* that helped with the Spring rummage sale. As always it was a great success and we were able to raise \$1029.27.



Vacation Bible School

Work bees for Vacation Bible School have started. The next work bee will be held on Tuesday June 5th at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in helping out with VBS, please join us. There is always something for everyone to do. You do not need any experience. VBS dates are July 16, 17, 18, 19. The program runs from 6 PM to 8 PM for all children who have completed grades Pre-school through sixth grade. Teens are more than welcome to help with the program. For more information and pre-registration, please contact me or Jerry at the church office.

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PROM 2018 outside the Church of the Redeemer**



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