



REDEEMER EBLAST 11/23

Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) Sayre PA

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Bridging the gaps of life
in the name of **Jesus Christ**

Outreach Opportunity: The Bridge 16th Annual Sleepout Fundraiser will take place at the Guthrie Desmond Street Practice on the corner of Desmond and Packer in Sayre this year. The event runs from 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 23 until Saturday, November 24 at 3:00 p.m. There are several ways you can support the ministries of the Bridge as they Bridge the gaps of life in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our combined Redeemer/St. John Youth Group is Sleeping out the first hour of the event, stop by to see them from 3:00 to 4:00 on Friday. They would know that adults are supporting them and the Bridge.

St. John Lutheran Church is sponsoring a one-hour block too. Please join them at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 24 to help us show support for our sister parish, for the needs in our community and the work the Bridge does to help meet those needs.

Make a monetary contribution to the Bridge. St. Mary's Guild traditionally supports the Bridge and our Youth with a monetary donation. You too can help by placing your donation in the offering plate marked with "The Bridge". We will take the donation to the sleepout for you.

Donate socks for the first annual Bridge School District Challenge. All 3 area school districts along with Epiphany are challenged to collect socks for the Kids at Risk Ministry. The district that collects the most socks will win. Bring socks to the church or to the office along with a note as to which school district you prefer to support.

Pray! For the success of the event and for the work of the Bridge.

The Season of Advent



Next week we begin a new Church year as we usher in Advent. This season of four weeks is a period of preparation before Christmas. The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope coming into the world. When the time was right, God sent his Son,

Jesus, into the world. The Advent season teaches us to prepare to receive Jesus, the hope of the World. You will notice some liturgical changes during this season of preparation and repentance. We do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis in worship during Advent. This is the Angel's song at Christmas. While Advent's emphasis is on preparing our hearts for the birth of the Christ Child, it is also a season of penitence. So, we will sing the Kyrie instead. All "service music" will come from the Schubert Mass and we'll hear the glorious harmonies in the Kyrie, the Sanctus and the Fraction.

St. Mary's Christmas Party will be Tuesday December 4th at Yanuzzi's. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm with a buffet diner to follow at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$15 per person and we ask that you please pay in advance. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church and you can also call orders in to the church office at (570) 888-2270.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ORDERS CAN NOW BE PLACED BY EITHER PICKING UP YOUR ORDER FORM WHILE YOU ARE IN CHURCH ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY OR YOU CAN PHONE IN YOUR ORDER TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (570) 888-2270 MON-FRIDAY FROM 8 AM-NOON. THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS DECEMBER 5TH PRICING IS AS FOLLOWS:

6" Pot (1 Plant) of red or pink \$11.50

7" Pot (1 Plant) of red or pink \$17.50

2019 Pledge Cards

By now you should have received your 2019 estimate of giving card. If you have not, you can find one in a bulletin or pick one up from the table in the church.



The deadline to turn in articles for the December newsletter is fast approaching (November 26th). If you have upcoming events or news that you would like to have in the newsletter please be sure to call or email them into the church office (credeemer2@stny.rr.com (570) 888-2270) by the deadline.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Did you miss a chance to serve? Well we have an opportunity for you. We are in need of people to help us with our community supper on Thursday November 29th from 4-6pm. This is a great way to interact with members of our community and your church family.

LOOKING FORWARD

Do you know of some parents who could use some time away from the kids to do some Christmas shopping or just have a date night? If so, then drop the children off for "Christmas is for Caring and Sharing" at St. John Lutheran Church located at 207

South Hopkins Street in Sayre on Friday December 7th from 6-8:30 p.m. This is a free event for children aged kindergarten through 5th grade. Lots of fun activities in a safe atmosphere are planned for the children and parents get a free evening. Advanced registration is required so please call Cheryl Bottone at (570) 888-4243.

A Touch of Christmas Brass

On Sunday December 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer Larry Hoey and "A Touch of Brass" invite you to come out and enjoy glorious sounds of the season and Christmas caroling as they present their Organ and Brass concert. This is a free concert open to the community.