



Church of the Redeemer

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From the Priest-in-Charge: One of the blessings of the pandemic is that we have found a substantial on-line worshipping community. This is an effort we want to continue and we are striving for excellence in the remote worship experience. As we slowly get back together for in-person worship we are seeking ways to make both types of worship excellent, heart-felt and authentic. Since we cannot speak in unison or sing together, we have little opportunity to worship corporately with our voice. One of our adaptations is simple sign language. In a perfect world, and so that all would feel included in some way, we would have many (10+) persons praying parts of the service. Since we know that not everyone is comfortable worshipping in person and since we know that we have a limitation on how many we can seat, we have requested “reservations.” In these early days, the reservations help us recruit readers, know the number of bulletins to print, and helps us in the initial part of contact tracing. We do not want to start a reader schedule because we do not want anyone to feel compelled to come to church when it feels unsafe to do so. For the same reason, we do not have a greeter or usher schedule. So please, make a reservation by Thursday afternoon and tell us what you are willing to do to worship our God. Once our congregation stabilizes again and things feel more normal, we can resume our normal scheduling. For what it’s worth, your reservation and volunteering to take a role in worship helps *me* worship and relieves me of being concerned about who is doing what—especially as I can’t do it all.



Grocery Gift Card give away! This adaptation of our Community Supper is serving a real need and we are continuing it for the month of June as we have yet to figure out how to resume the supper safely in our space. This month St. John Lutheran Church received a grant to purchase sanitary supplies to give away with the gift cards. Sayre Christian Church is the sponsor and in addition to its \$100 donation is collecting paper products. We have received generous gifts in the amount of \$1200 so far. We need approximately \$1100 more to match last month’s give away. We will continue to provide gift cards

from Tops and Aldi. We’re asking you to donate either (or both!) of these gift cards either by purchasing one when you buy groceries OR sending us a check with groceries in the memo line and we’ll buy the card. We suggest that no gift card amount be greater than \$25 or less than \$5. We’ll ask recipients to pre-register prior to June 24 and we’ll donate \$25 per person with a maximum gift of \$150. Priority will be given to Community Supper regulars and those who have recently been laid off. Gift cards will be distributed in the parking lot from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, on Thursday June 25. Thank you for helping our neighbors!



Last week we put out a call for lawn mowers and you answered the call! Thank you Zach Cole, Alex Murrelle, John Storelli and Chris McCutcheon. We now have six teams of two making our grounds look wonderful. The other four teams are the Schamels, the Carpenters, the Coles and the Rhodes. We also have other ‘behind the scenes’ gardeners, who are doing the weeding, trimming hedges, planting flowers and otherwise keeping our property beautiful. Thanks to those who were caught in the act (or suspected!) including – Gretchen Rentschler, Glenda Hinsman, Doreen, Emily and Kayla Marshall, Ruth Barber, Linda Murrelle, Glen Murrelle, and Jeff Watson. If we’ve left your name off, it is because you are so discrete! Please know we thank you too!





- Bruce Carpenter Jr. 6/11
- Sherrie Smith 6/11
- Betsy Schumacher 6/12
- Eric Davenport 6/13
- Terri Hunt 6/13
- Ellen Croft 6/14
- Jeanne Baird 6/14
- Nathan Prickitt 6/15
- Abigail Prickitt 6/15
- Linda Dekay 6/17
- Linda Murrelle 6/17



If you receive an email from Pastor Melinda urgently asking you for gift cards (the current scam specifically asks for eBay gift cards) and asking you to scratch off the code and take a picture of the cards, PLEASE know

that this is a scam. Pastor Melinda would not ask you to do this. She may ask for grocery gift cards (see elsewhere in this eBlast) but she would not ask you to scratch the code off of them or ask you to take pictures of them. The scam email is coming from rectr@gmail.com as well revmelindaartman@gmail.com

Family Sunday School

Listed below is a link that is being offered free of charge by Spark House that you and your family can use for Sunday school learning activities and song. Please feel free to share with your friends. We hope you enjoy it.

https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/promos/family-sunday-school/?utm_campaign=SHC%20Children&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8opxKkB3rFqoolEQqnFKAKgOGSmeFbFm14J6MjELjyMvabaEQU0XJD-du8NpWjD3 wIPXaLEY5pSV6Uxd4mDDuAat 8Q&hsmi=86257487&utm_source=hs_email&utm_content=86257487&hsCtaTracking=c3d6eabc-1fb2-440a-b463-40df04a40b77%7Cf0cee152-f0d2-42c0-8115-9e284545c423%20