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JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY SUPPER TONIGHT 4-5:30!

Combined Summer Worship

Our combined worship continues at 10 a.m. at Redeemer Can't attend worship but you CAN watch it? Go here: <https://www.redeemersayre.org> (copy and paste into your browser.)

Canon/Pastor Melinda Away

Canon/Pastor Melinda will be away beginning July 30th through August 8th and then again from August 11-14th. In the event of a pastoral emergency during these times, please contact Jerry at either office during office hours. During non-office hours please contact her at (607) 846-1692 and she will reach out to the pastor that will be filling in while Canon/Pastor Melinda is away.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE THROUGH AUGUST 17

Wednesdays, August 6 and August 13 **NO NOON EUCHARIST**

Saturday August 2 5:15 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II The Rev. Hazel Hunt presiding Parlor

Sunday August 3 10:00 AM Liturgy of the Word Nave, Redeemer

Saturday, August 9, 5:15 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II The Rev. Melinda Artman presiding

Sunday, August 10, 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Nave, Redeemer, Pastor Melinda presiding

Saturday August 16 5:15 PM **NO SERVICE**

Sunday August 17 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Nave, Redeemer, Bishop Kevin Nichols, presiding, Canon Melinda Artman assisting.

Community Supper Today

Join us from 4-5:30 for our free community supper hosted by St. John Lutheran Church. There will be pulled pork & chicken, chips, cole slaw, fruit & desserts. We hope to see you there!!

The (Episcopal) Bishop is coming!

We are pleased to announce that the Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols will be our celebrant and preacher on **Sunday August 17**, with Pastor Melinda assisting him.



Canon Melinda is presenting FOUR people for reception. Reception means not only officially transferring membership, it means that those being received officially become Episcopalian Christians. As a visit from the Bishop is a big deal, after worship there will be a different kind of reception ... with food! Obviously, Bishop Kevin is visiting during our joint summer worship—it will be his delight to be with both Lutherans AND Episcopalians. He will be meeting with available members of Council and Vestry after the reception (with food!)

Note: In case you missed it on the front page, our hope is that as many of you as possible will join us in worshipping with the Bishop on the 17th, consequently **WILL NOT** be a Saturday 5:15 p.m. service on the 16th.

Scripture Reflections are on a hiatus

Look for them later in August.

Waves of Wonder VBS 2025 Update

Our VBS mission was to provide flood relief to the flood survivors in Newark Valley. The kids raised \$320. This effort lead Church of the Redeemer members to team up with members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Owego . On Sunday July 20, they provided assistance in hauling damaged belongings to the curb for Village pick up . Pictured are members of the team:



Front row: Margaret Cole, Trinity Stone, Adrianna Moe. Second row: James Wahls (from St. Paul's and Melinda & Nina's nephew), Bob Cole, Rick Rhodes, Mary Rhodes, Mother Trula Hollywood, Karen Nichols and two other members of St. Pauls. (Photo credit: Tessa Wahls maybe)



St. John Corner

Living into Our Mission @ St. John

For the month of **July & August** as part of living into our mission St. John members will continue to collect hygiene items for the Athens School District. (Redeemer members are welcome to participate as well!) As in the past, items such as tooth paste, body wash, deodorant etc. are much appreciated.

Entryway improvements at SJLC Update

No updates at this time.

Pastor Melinda is going where?



Dubuque Iowa! The NEPA Synod has received a grant through the Lily Foundation for churches in rural areas. In particular, the NEPA grant is aimed at fostering 6-2-6-1 congregation partnerships, especially with ecumenical partners. Bishop Christopher deForest asked an ecumenical partner ~Pastor

Melinda ~ to attend a conference at Wartburg College with him. At the conference they expect to learn what resources might be available to churches in rural areas, as well as learn expectations of grant recipients. Pastor Melinda will be in Iowa Monday August 11 through Wednesday August 13, and returns to Sayre mid-morning on Thursday August 14.



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Hygiene Items

We have set up a box as you enter the Nave at Redeemer labeled “Hygiene Items” for St. John. for those of you that may wish to drop off hygiene items while you worship with us Sunday’s at 10 a.m.

August 3 Lessons

First Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11

Psalm: 107:1-9, 43

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Serving in Worship at Redeemer at 10

Reading the lessons & Prayers

August 3: Diane Siebecker

August 10: Belinda Klovekorn

Usher

Bob Cornell

Walter Chaykosky

Greeter

Bev Cornell

Linda Murrelle

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays @ St. John

Frank Bottone 8/3

Renee Woinovick 8/9

Rod Noldy 8/10

Linda Noldy 8/14

Jennifer Joyce 8/17

Yvonne Mizener 8/19.

Nenette Lowery 8/21

Anniversaries @ St. John

Kylene & Justin Ward 8/3

Bob & Martha Bailey 8/7

Jennifer & Ryan McGee 8/13

Jennifer & Joe Joyce 8/17

Birthdays @ Redeemer

Axel Lewis 8/1

Glenn Murrelle 8/3

Tracy Schamel 8/8

Sofia Storelli 8/17

Elaine Ferris 8/28

Beverley Clare 8/30

Anniversaries @ Redeemer

Larry & Kate Gabb 8/1

Sid & Marylou Ranck 8/24

Melinda Artman & Nina Seebeck

8/28

Redeemer Corner



SPREADING THE DIRT!

Our mowing teams noticed a potential problem in grade change between the lawn and the new parking lot. Buildings and Grounds chair Jeff Watson had a load of dirt delivered and Sr. Warden Margaret Cole helped assemble a crew to spread the dirt. Pictured left to right: Bob Cole, Alex Murrelle, Jeff, Bruce Carpenter, Keith Carpenter and Zack Cole.

Prayer heals

For over 18 months we've been praying for Baby Bob, pictured at right. As you can see, he's a happy baby whose lungs are still developing. A few months ago, Bobby's mom had a stroke. Dad reports that mom is recovering and gaining strength. The family so appreciates our support and prayers.



Outreach at Redeemer

For the month of **August** we are collecting canned fruit for our local food pantries. (St. John members are welcome to contribute as well).

My Brother's Keeper

Hello Churches!

We have been so busy! Using lots of materials ! Gently used is fine , just so all is clean.

- * We sure could use men's hankies or bandanas. Especially bandanas can be used as a hanky or in this hot weather, wet and put around neck or on head.
- * Travel size shampoo and or conditioner, travel size bar soap.
- * If retiring old shoes, please save adult size shoelaces for us.
- * Men's neckties, (they are the handles to carry the sleeping bags).
- * 0.16 oz up to 2.7 oz travel/hotel size toothpaste.
- * Disposable razors.



So very grateful for community support. We arrive on Tuesdays to work ,(at Athens Methodist church 118 S Main St, Athens, PA) and are thrilled to find someone has left fabric, mattress pad, wonderful comforters that we can just fold in half and sew up the side to make a sleeping bag so quickly. There may be a box of Band-Aids, a pair of socks or mittens, shoelaces....thoughtful gifts that a homeless person can use. We are so blessed by this generous community!

June marked our 33rd year. We couldn't have done it without all of the donated items. THANK YOU !

HOW TO EXPERIENCE LIFE THROUGH THE SENSES

Epiphany Roman Catholic Church and Valley United Presbyterian Church are working together again to feature local speakers as they teach us how we can engage with life through our senses.

A freewill offering will be collected to support local organizations.

AUGUST 6TH – SIGHT

Speaker: Stephanie Mullen

Location: Valley United Fellowship Hall

AUGUST 13TH – TOUCH

Speaker: Rev. Alicia Dixon-Garrard

Location: Valley United Fellowship Hall

AUGUST 20TH – HEARING

Speaker: Rev. Rachel Helgeson

Location: Epiphany Parish Hall

AUGUST 27TH – TASTE / SMELL

Speaker: Alice Fedorka Bennett

Location: Epiphany Parish Hall

Dinner and fellowship start at 5:45pm.

Join us as we learn how to use our senses to access and enjoy life.





The Parable of the Rich Fool

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain _____ man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my _____.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my _____ and build _____ ones, and there I will store all my _____ and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; _____, _____ and be _____."'

"But God said to him, 'You _____! This very night your _____ will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

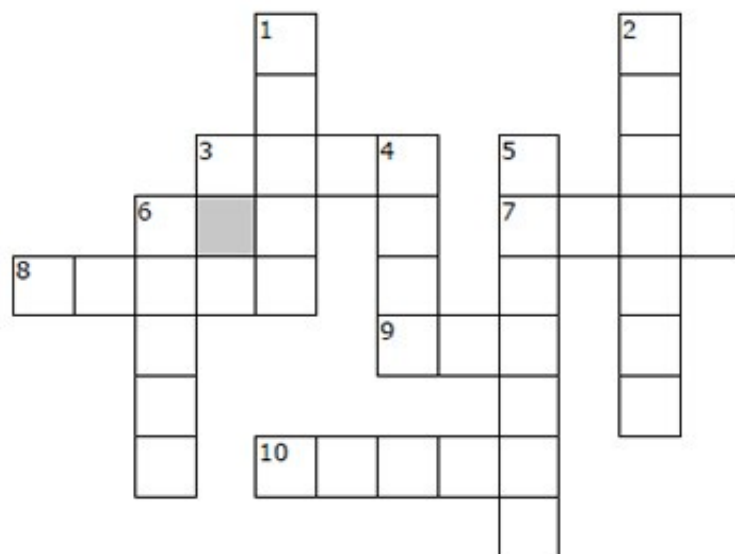
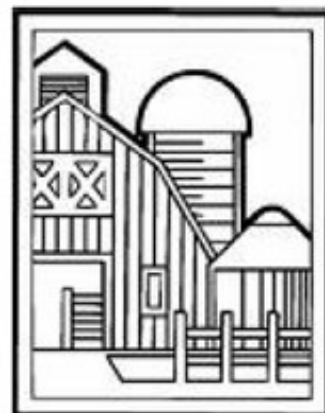
Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)

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| barns | crops | eat | grain | merry |
| bigger | drink | fool | life | rich |

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. One who acts unwisely
7. Having great material wealth
8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
9. To take food into the body through the mouth
10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

DOWN

1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
2. A person who educates or gives instruction
4. The period of time between birth and death
5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

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| rich | judge | crops | brother | barns |
| life | eat | fool | teacher | drink |