CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

October 29, 2026

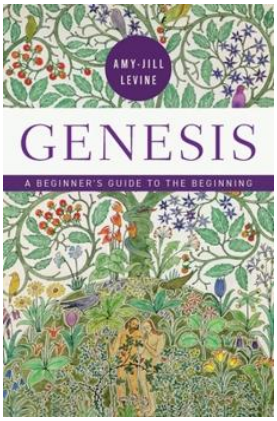
COMMUNITY SUPPER HAPPENING THIS AFTERNOON

Don't want to cook this evening? Stop by the Church of the Redeemer from 4:00-5:30 p.m. for a delicious meal of "Ghoul-lash", seasoned green beans, applesauce, rolls and dessert. Not only will you receive a filling meal, you will also enjoy good fellowship.

All Saints Day is **THIS SUNDAY,** November 1st. During the service we will remember those who have died since last All Saints Day: especially Raymond Nobles, Sr., Melissa Morningstar Coe, Beverley Clare, Gerald Patton, Louise Nemo and Sidney Ranck. A portion of the service will be in remembrance of James Ferris, son of Elaine Ferris who died recently. After the service, you are invited to join us in the Atrium for a reception. All loose offering collected in the plate will be donated to *The Bridge.*

FALL BACK

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to set your clock's back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st.



FALL BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Join Pastor Melinda at Monday morning at 10:15 a.m. and evening at 6:30 for our next meeting as we explore six foundational stories in the Book of Genesis. Amy-Jill Levine, a professor of New Testament AND an orthodox Jew, writes accessibly and humorously, providing both Jewish and Christian perspectives on: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, the binding of Isaac (the Akedah), Jacob's dream, and Joseph, Potiphar & Potiphar's wife.

Monday Mornings: Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 10:15 to 11:45 at St. John Lutheran Church, South Wing. Monday Evenings: Nov 2, 9, 16 and 30th from 6:30 until 8:00 pm, also at St. John, South Wing.

Reflection

This week's readings describe the coming realm of God. How does the reality of heaven shape your life in prayer and in service?

SCRIPTURE LESSONS OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1	**Serving in Worship for November 1**
Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	**Worship Assistant:** Rose Carpenter **Greeter:** Rose Carpenter **Usher:** Bruce Carpenter **AV Operator:** Rosemary Firestine

Harold Anderson	10/31
Joseph Rhodes	11/1
Sarah Schamel	11/2
Laurie Davies	11/4
Alexis Frisbie	11/6
Paul & Heather Romano	11/8

Plenty Good Room

On Being Invited

Growing up in Corpus Christi, Texas I spent more time fishing in the surf of Padre Island than in going to church. Our Latino family roots were in Roman Catholicism but our church was the Gulf of Mexico shoreline.

How, then, did I grow up to become an Episcopal priest?

Thinking back I will say that my life today is the result of someone taking the time to invite me to Christ's table. First invitation was to the local Canterbury group (college ministry). Next came an invitation to attend worship at Church of the Good Shepherd followed by an invitation to serve at the Diocesan camp, Camp Capers.

One after another, the invitations kept coming. Each one led me to a community which always made room for me. I found belonging in a spiritual family. They made plenty good room for me and for my family and friends. Over and over again, the graciousness of Christ was extended to me. I found fellow travelers on the spiritual journey. More importantly, I found the gifts of God within me.

I suppose that I am an Episcopal priest because of all the people along the spiritual way who invited me into communities in which there was plenty good room. Plenty good room to discover myself. Plenty good room to discover God. Plenty good room to discover and discern how God was calling me to serve and lead.

I cannot imagine any other life than the one I have now - serving as an Episcopal parish priest! I am ever grateful for all the wonderful, lifelong friendships I have made. I cannot imagine any other job that would be so wonderful, so exciting and energizing as the ministry I have today.

I am so grateful for all the invitations and all those who made plenty good room for me!

Questions for Reflection:

Take a moment to thank God for all those who made plenty good room for you in the Church. How has that shaped who you are today?

The Rev. Ramiro (Ram) Lopez serves as rector of St. George's Church in San Antonio and serves on the board of TENS.

THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

OUTREACH AT REDEEMER

For the month of October we will be collecting turkey and gravy mixes *(no glass jars please)* instant mashed potatoes and boxed chicken and turkey stuffing. All loose offering in the collection plate this weekend will be dedicated to *The Bridge.*

YOU ARE INVITED

This is just a friendly reminder that if you like playing card games you may want to join us at St. John on Monday afternoons from 12:30 until done in the South Wing for a fun filled game called hand, foot, and elbow.

The November meeting for St. Mary's Guild has been changed from November 3rd to **November 5th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

HELP WANTED

The Church of the Redeemer Fall Fair is on Thursday, November 12th from 10:00 am–8:00 pm. We would appreciate your help with setting up on Wednesday, November 11th from 9:00-12:00 and cleanup on Friday, November 13th from 9:00-12:00. Please call Rose at (607) 221-6797 or Glenda Hinsman at (570) 888-7193. Thank you!

Fall Fair Fudge Fun!

Are you interested in joining a group to make fudge for the Fall Fair? If so, please call Rose Carpenter (607) 221-6797 or leave a message at the church office (570) 888-2270. Date and time to be determined.

Also, we would appreciate donations of any type of wrapped candy for the Fair (leftover Halloween candy you'd rather not eat?).

FALL FAIR

Church of the Redeemer, 201 Wilbur Ave, Sayre

Thursday, November 12th from 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Featuring Baked Goods, Homemade Candies, Books, Handmade Crafts, Christmas Items, Raffle and Great Food

Lunch is served from 11:00-1:00 and dinner is served from 4:00-6:00.

LOST & FOUND

These were found in the church on Wednesday. If they are yours please stop by the church office and we will be glad to give them to you.

I want to do what's right

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It is hard to be this when you think you are great!

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Words Used

teacher
must
obey
preach
must

Practice What You Preach

But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. Matthew 23:3b (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Matthew 23:1-12 (NIV)

__1. A large gathering of people
A. teacher B. crowd C. banquet D. servant

__2. To show high respect or esteem for someone
A. teacher B. humble C. servant D. honor

__3. A formal dinner honoring a particular person or occasion
A. greatest B. banquet C. honor D. obey

__4. Most important, powerful, or famous
A. greatest B. teacher C. humble D. crowd

__5. To consider yourself as having no special importance; not proud
A. humble B. honor C. banquet D. greatest

__6. A person hired to work for someone else
A. servant B. banquet C. obey D. honor

__7. Someone who trains or instructs other people
A. teacher B. banquet C. crowd D. humble

__8. To do what you are told or expected to do
A. greatest B. servant C. honor D. obey

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