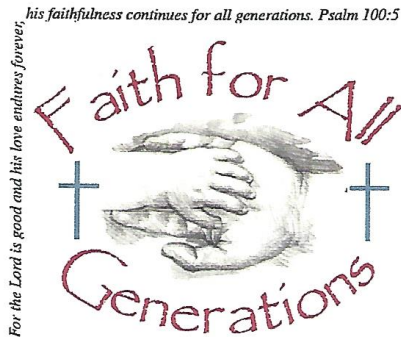


# Redeemer Lutheran Church Capital Fund Appeal



*For the Lord is good and his love endures forever,  
his faithfulness continues for all generations.  
Psalm 100:5*



Rev. David Kreider



Rev. Wayne Moritz

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings from Church! It's a joy to write to you in the midst of our Capital Fund Appeal. We're looking forward to what the commitment of our congregation will enable us to do.

When our congregation was organized one hundred years ago, it was because there were a growing number of people here on the west end of Lancaster. Those people have been called to their heavenly reward, but others have taken their place. We are blessed with the challenge of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ among and to them.

As far as our Capital Fund Appeal is concerned, this challenge presents two concerns. First, that our property be maintained. Urban blight is happening around Redeemer Church. We provide an important and valuable ministry to our city by keeping our property in good repair. Almost half the cost of our building proposal is to repair or replace parts of our building that have been in service from anywhere between 25 and 50 years.

Our Capital Fund Appeal addresses a second concern for proclaiming the gospel among and to the people of the west end of town. That is the possibility for new ministry. Several years ago, we investigated what was needed to sponsor and host a preschool ministry. The plans came to naught because our building didn't measure up to the state and local codes that regulate such operations. The condition and limitations of our building are stifling our ministry. A compassionate and caring idea is a terrible thing to waste.

Finally, we want to speak to a murmuring thought we hear blowing in the breeze among us. That is the idea that the building proposal is a wasteful, comfort-seeking extravagance. Nothing could be farther from the truth!

An elevator is not an extravagance. It is an integral part of ministry to the aging and the physically challenged. We have done the smaller, less expensive aspects of such a ministry. Our wheelchair accessible front half pew arrangement is a creative masterpiece, but to paraphrase Jesus, "We lack one thing..." and that is to complete the effort.

The same thing can be said of a canopied entrance. It addresses the needs of older or physically challenged members and visitors. It also enhances our shuttle bus service between the church and the Wheatland school parking lot.

A parlor is not a wasteful comfort. It is an important setting for ministry that we don't have. As good as our grief support ministry is, it would be better if it was not conducted in the choir room. Certain ministries lose something important when conducted on folding chairs!

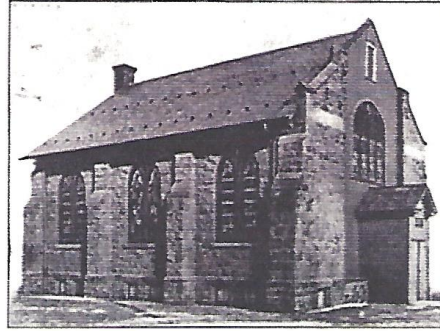
We look forward to engaging in this mission with you as we prepare for life and ministry at Redeemer Church in the years to come. God has blessed us with a wonderful location for living and sharing our faith. God help us in our efforts to make our church home equal to the task.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Kreider and Pastor Moritz

# Who We Were

In December 1903, a few people purchased land at Fifth and Pearl Streets, and a month later they procured the congregation's charter from the Lancaster County Court under the name of "The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer." The charter was signed by 22 members.

Christ Church, which supported the new congregation spiritually and financially from its inception, undertook the task of financing the building of a chapel at a cost of \$6,899. The cornerstone was laid in 1907.



The Original Church—1907



Redeemer suffers devastating fire on March 29, 1939

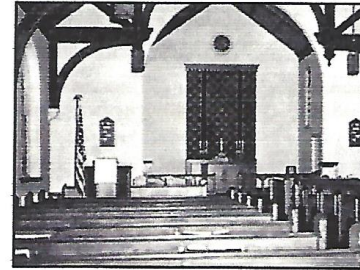
The Rev. Henry T. Clymer was called as the first pastor in 1908. As succeeding pastors were called over the years, the church weathered fires, the Depression, wars, and uncertainty -- all to become stronger in faith and service to the Lord. During the Depression, the Rev. Frederick H. Eidam asked those members who could not afford to make money offerings to write prayers and place them on the offering plate.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Herbert G. Hohman, 1950-1963, the church grew from 240 to more than 650. Under the guidance of the Rev. Carl J. Frederick, called in 1964, membership more than doubled to 1,400 baptized members, making Redeemer the second largest Lutheran congregation in Lancaster City. Three services were held on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. Many new ministries began during Pastor Frederick's pastorate, undergirded by our mission to serve our Lord and others.

The congregation called the Rev. David D. Kreider in 1985, and at Pastor Frederick's retirement in 2000, it chose Pastor Kreider to succeed Pastor Frederick. The Rev. Wayne D. Moritz was called as the new Associate Pastor in 2001. Pastor Frederick now serves as Pastor Emeritus.

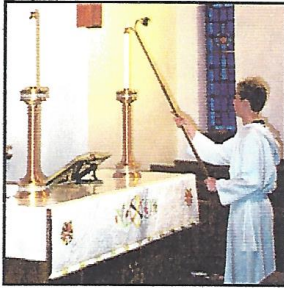
Sons and daughters of Redeemer Church who have entered the ministry are Robert Harnish, Herbert Bomberger, Anne Ebner Sunday, Eloise Hummel Shanley, Charlene Rineer and Tammy Bernd Steinhart.

Those who have gone before us created a rich legacy, rooted in faith. Entrusted with that legacy, we continue to care for our building in order to fulfill our mission of worshiping and serving.



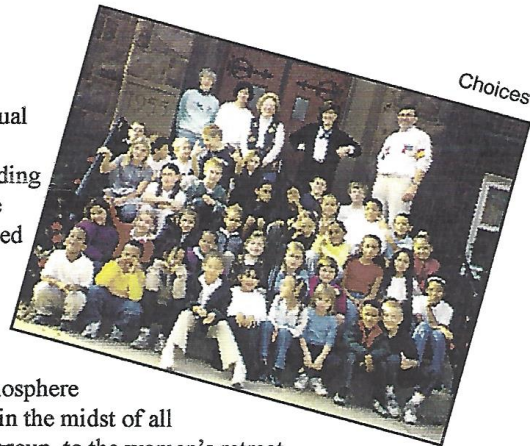
The restored church sanctuary was dedicated on September 29, 1939

# Who We Are



Preparing for worship

Realizing that the spiritual dimension of a church is not measured by the size of a building or even of its membership, the congregation has long supported a rich variety of worship and educational opportunities as well as outreach ministries.



Our family friendly atmosphere demonstrates God's presence in the midst of all we do, from the active youth group, to the women's retreat group, to the harmonious choirs. Our worship services on Saturday evening and contemporary worship on Sunday create a variety of worship options for those still looking for a church home. In September 2003 we added a second branch of Sunday School and a puppet ministry to help students explore Bible stories. Every day prayers are spoken on behalf of many people by our Circle of Prayer Group.

"One of the things I love about Redeemer is the sincerity of our people. Our congregation is like a 'quiet giant' that always rises to the occasion. I feel this renovation and expansion project will help our church have a more effective 'control center' for mission."  
 Jake Burkholder

We have been a rock in a sea of changes to our church family and neighborhood. Our Vacation Bible School in the summer and the Choices program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays provide meaningful outreach to the youth of our neighborhood, and our participation in Community Gatherings helps to feed the hungry at two area churches. Our Grief Support Group supplies care and counsel to people dealing with the death of loved ones. Many members have assembled school kits for Lutheran World Relief and care packets for Operation Carelift which help children around the world. Our angel tree program ministers to children of prison inmates. Worship opportunities are provided every month for residents of Millersville Manor, Landis Homes and Luther Care. We make available medical equipment for members and nonmembers alike.



Quilt Project



Brass ensemble provides music for special occasions and holidays

Choirs are an integral part of weekly worship



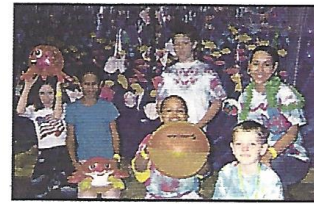
Luncheon for homebound currently held in narthex



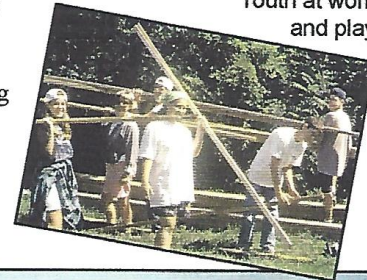
## Who We Are

Love and care are extended to homebound members through Thursday afternoon Communion visits and Spring and autumn luncheons. We have opened up the front of our sanctuary for people using wheelchairs or walkers. We have met our commitment to benevolence by giving ten percent of our annual budget to Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA, to support synodical and church-wide ministries.

We have withstood many challenges with a humble attitude of quickly, quietly responding to needs we have faced. What has been the secret to our longevity and vitality? Our prayerful trust in the Lord and the strength of Christ working in our midst. God has been a faithful shepherd to us, guiding us through these many years as we have taught His Word to our youth, our adults and our neighborhood.



Youth at work and play



## What We Need



Lack of storage

Lack of access to upper and lower levels for those with special needs

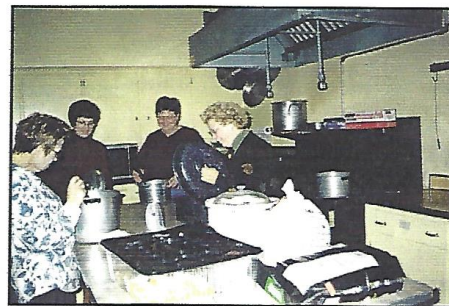


Renovation plans were first addressed by the Long Range Planning Committee in 1994. The committee identified the need to upgrade and renew existing facilities, and revisited the possibility of an expanded covered entryway. In 2000 a congregational survey created a wish list for the future of our

congregation. Again the need to refurbish and upgrade our building was the highest priority. Input from each standing committee of the church, Parish Planning Council, pastors, music directors, staff members, and outside consultants determined our renovation and expansion needs converged on six areas:

1. Safety and handicapped access issues
2. Lack of Christian Education space
3. Insufficient fellowship space
4. Inadequate kitchen space and equipment
5. Inadequate space for music ministries
6. Inadequate audio/visual system in sanctuary

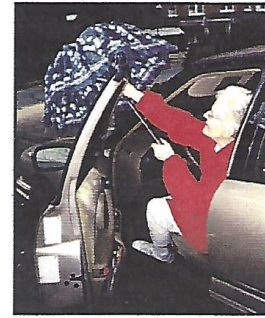
Inadequate, antiquated kitchen



“This expansion and update of our building is essential to our outreach. It will allow us to increase our visibility and service.”  
Mary Gentzler

# What We Need

How much will it cost to achieve these priorities? At a congregational meeting on July 27, 2003, building plans were reviewed for a total projected cost of \$1.6 million.

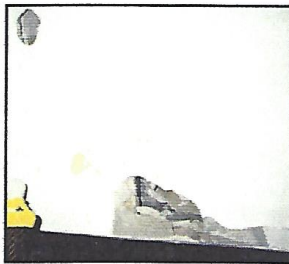


Lack of covered entrance in inclement weather

Our project includes:

## Ministry Expansion

	Cost
An <b>elevator</b> to provide access to all floors for our aging population and movement of equipment.....	\$200,000
<b>Expanded restroom</b> facilities with handicap accessibility.....	\$110,000
<b>Ground level entrance</b> for safe drop-off and accessibility for everyone.....	\$115,000
<b>Four new classrooms</b> to allow broader Christian Education opportunities.....	\$90,000
Commercial grade <b>kitchen</b> to accommodate congregational events, funerals and mission programs..	\$140,000
<b>Renovated fellowship hall</b> to adequately support growing membership and community ministries....	\$145,000
A growing music program necessitates a <b>larger choir room</b> including robing and music storage.....	\$40,000
Extensive <b>renovations</b> including plumbing, electrical wiring, air conditioning, hardware, asbestos abatement, lighting and upgrades to bring God's House into state code compliance.....	\$550,000
A <b>new audio/visual system</b> for all to hear and receive God's word during worship.....	\$50,000
<b>Architectural fees, permits</b> and related expenses to complete the project.....	\$160,000
<b>Total Ministry Expansion.....Unlimited!</b>	<b>Total Cost.....\$1,600,000</b>



Hole in social hall wall

“The enlargement of our church will help us extend outreach and expand the kingdom of God.”  
Gene Hummel

While our building is not one hundred years old, it is old enough to be feeling its age. It is not feasible just to make a few repairs or cosmetic changes. Our facility needs to be brought into the 21st century to enable us to carry out various ministries to all people regardless of their age or physical abilities.

With confidence in God and the past faithful stewardship of our congregation, we come to each member and ask for your support, time, talent, and stewardship. This task is daunting and the goal is large. We offer only that the Lord has been good to Redeemer, and we faithfully expect to continue to serve Him.



Flooding of social hall from rainstorms

## ***PATTERN OF RESPONSE FOR "FAITH FOR ALL GENERATIONS"***

Contributions are over and above what is currently being given. These commitments will move us forward in realizing our dream of expanding and improving our building in order to expand and improve our ministries.

**GOAL:** 1 Million and up

**PROJECT COST:** 1.6 Million

Please study this Pattern of Response carefully, then pray and reflect on which gift you can give to our appeal.

This pattern is designed to help us challenge our three-year giving capability and therefore exceeds our stated goal.

We're inviting you to join in the excitement as we work together to provide "Faith For All Generations."


<b>VISION FOR MISSION GIFTS</b>		
Vision Gifts Needed	Weekly	3 Year Total
1		\$200,000
1		\$100,000
1		\$75,000
2		\$50,000
3		\$40,000
4		\$30,000
4		\$25,000
6		\$20,000
8		\$15,000
10		\$12,000
12		\$10,000
15	\$50.00	\$7,500
20	\$40.00	\$6,240
30	\$30.00	\$4,680
45	\$25.00	\$3,900
60	\$20.00	\$3,120
75	\$15.00	\$2,340
Others	\$10.00 or less	

"...and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work."  
2 Corinthians 9: 8

You're invited to respond by giving whatever loving gift you can in proportion to what God has given you!

***Let your giving be with JOY AND CELEBRATION!***

***"FAITH FOR ALL GENERATIONS" COMMITMENT CARD***  
**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CAPITAL FUND APPEAL**



Realizing that all we are and all we have is a gift from God's abundant love,  
 I/We will support our Mission by estimating my/our gift over a three year period to be given as follows:

My/Our total three year gift will be \_\_\_\_\_.

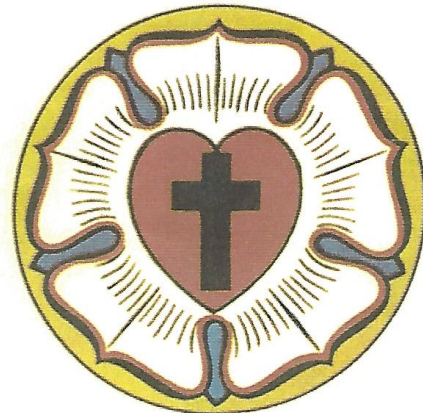
Option 1: I/We will give \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_ week \_\_\_ month over a three year period beginning now.  
 Option 2: An initial amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ will be given immediately.  
 The remaining balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ will be given \_\_\_ weekly \_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_ annually  
 Option 3: \*Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\*I/We would like more information on how to donate in the following way:

<input type="checkbox"/> Stocks <input type="checkbox"/> Appreciated Assets <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred Giving <input type="checkbox"/> Matched <input type="checkbox"/> Other Giving <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Transfer	Name(s) _____ Address _____ Phone _____ (This estimate of giving may be increased, decreased, extended or canceled by notifying the church secretaries.)
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# Where We Are Going

Beginning many years ago, our bulletins described us as "The Friendly Church." We want our church to continue to welcome strangers in our midst as well as each other. We need an accessible, safe facility to enhance our ability to provide for all members of our congregation — children, youth, young adults, parents, aged and those with special needs, as well as to more effectively reach out to and serve our neighbors.



"This is a pivotal point in the history of our church. This project is crucial to our future and faithful to our past."  
Pastor Carl Frederick

We have energetically used our church, but our facility is tired and in need of renewal. Our Lord says, "Come to me, you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will comfort you." Once again we look to the Lord for that renewing strength to see us on our journey into this new century of  
**FAITH FOR ALL GENERATIONS.**

## Prayer

O Lord, as the "Body of Christ" we gather for worship, learning, and serving. Through your holy church we become more Christlike!

Help us to claim this moment of history for our beloved church as a time and opportunity to offer our support. Help us to demonstrate our love for you and for one another.

Let your Spirit reveal the truth of your Word as we participate in this exciting chapter in the life of our church.

In Christ, Amen.

"I truly believe that God wants us to be on this corner."  
Charlene Fenger-Petersen

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