

# The Monthly Messenger

## Redeemer Lutheran Church



**May**  
**2022**



Dear friends in Christ,

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will **hold a single worship service at 9:30 am, followed by the spring congregational meeting.** On the agenda are:

- Election of council officers and council members/board chairs
- A decision about whether or not to commit Redeemer to co-sponsorship of a refugee family
- A decision about whether or not to authorize the expenditure of funds to develop detailed plans for the rehabilitation of the former youth house as transitional housing for refugees or other people in need

Obviously, these are important decisions for Redeemer's future. The decisions we make on the 22<sup>nd</sup> have the potential to set the direction of our ministry for many years to come. It is important, therefore, that we listen as diligently as possible for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on these questions. Who are the people the Holy Spirit is calling into ministry as leaders in the congregation? Is the significant commitment of time, energy, and funds required by refugee co-sponsorship a commitment the Holy Spirit is calling us to make? Is transitional housing the best way we can use the youth house to do God's work and glorify God's name?

The spiritual practice of listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in decision making is called *discernment*, and it's not something that happens within ten minutes of discussion in a congregational meeting. Discernment involves listening for what God may be saying in quiet, or in quite unexpected, ways. It involves looking to see what resources God might have already put in place for a particular ministry, even if that ministry is something we've never done before. It involves being open to the ways in which God surprises us, and learning to see even our frustrations or apparent failures at places where God might be at work. Above all, it involves praying for a deep willingness to do what God is blessing, rather than asking God to bless what we are already doing.

Two great examples of discernment are shown in the book of Acts. In Acts 1, the church decides to find a replacement for Judas so that there can again be twelve apostles, because "we've always done it that way." The believers make just about every mistake possible, most especially not praying until they've already decided what to do and asking God to bless the process they've already decided on. In the end, they elect Matthias as the twelfth apostle, and from that point forward Matthias is never mentioned again. The entire process is an example of how *not* to do discernment.

In Acts 16, however, we see a different model. Paul decides to enlist Timothy as an assistant in his missionary work, despite Timothy's mixed parentage. Timothy is circumcised so that his presence won't hinder the ministry of the gospel in Derbe and Lystra. Then, in a process guided by a prayerful openness to the Spirit, Paul and his companions discover that God is not calling them to go to any of the places they had planned, but is instead calling them to spread the gospel into Macedonia. As a result of this prayerful openness and aided by Timothy's half-Greek parentage, the church makes its first inroads into Europe.

As we prepare for this important congregational meeting, I hope that you will join me in prayerful discernment. Let us all pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that we might be led to do what God is blessing rather than asking God to bless what we are doing. Above all, may our decisions, our ministry, and our life together as siblings in Christ bear witness to the love of God for our community and for the world.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Bob



**Music Sunday on Sunday, May 22 only one service at 9:30**

And Before You Know It. . . It's Music Sunday! Now that the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic have been eased. . . AND the musical groups have had time to prepare. . .

On Sunday, May 22 the musical groups at Redeemer will sing and ring their praises to the Lord during the 9:30 service. The Youth, Senior, Matins, and Handbell (Jubilate Ringers) Choirs will sing or ring throughout the service, providing a very uplifting and joyous service glorifying the Lord!

Don't miss this once a year opportunity for musical worship!



**Calling All Solos, Duets, and Small Ensemble!**

Every summer the music department at Redeemer looks to the congregation to provide special musical moments during the services. Soloists, Duets, or even small ensembles are encouraged to "Sing/Play to the Lord a New Song." We could use some worship assistance from all of you! If you need music, contact Leigh-Ann, as she has books for solos and duets, and even books for instrumentalists, too! Contact Leigh-Ann.Powers. Can't wait to hear and see the talent we have in the pews!



**Coffee Spot Reopening – With Your Help**

Beginning May 1, we will be offering coffee, tea, and hot chocolate again! Leigh-Ann will prep the pots on Saturday night and turn them on Sunday morning, but we need a few "crews" to clean the pots after the Sunday School hour. Any excess coffee will be transferred to carafes which will be quick and easy to clean after the 11:00 service. Please contact Leigh-Ann, Pastor Bob, or Kim if you are willing to help with the small, but necessary job!



### **Refugee Co-Sponsorship**

Co-sponsoring a refugee family involves preparing a place to live, providing transportation to appointments, and helping them adjust to their new life in Lancaster.

We will be working with Bethany Christian Services located at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Mary Jean Liller or Norma Good.



### **Save the date**

New this year! Family VBS every Tuesday in July from 6 to 8pm. Now everyone in your family can experience VBS with the games, crafts, bible stories and snack!



### **Family Beach Update**

There will be a beach meeting on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 service in the library. Final payment will be due at meeting. You will be notified prior to meeting for remaining balance due. At the meeting you will be given final information for room and meal assignments.

There is still some space available if interested. The dates are June 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. If interested contact, Tammy Steinhart, Sue Suter, or Nina Dejewski.



### **LWR Baby Care Kits**

The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. Look for the display in the lobby. Select one or more Post-it Notes and place your donations in the wooden cabinet near the library window. Thank you!

This is the list of requested items:

- Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (no Onesies), sizes 6 to 24 months
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet), sizes 6 to 24 months
- Two swaddling blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, 36” to 52” square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, size 6 to 24 months
- Two pairs of socks, sizes 6 to 24 months
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., in original packaging (no mini or hotel size bars)



### **Compline – Wednesdays on YouTube**

In order to make the Wednesday evening Compline service accessible to people who don't use Facebook, it will be live on Redeemer's YouTube channel at 10 pm. Please join us for this reflective Service as a midweek "reset".



### **Opportunity to Lead Redeemer Worship Services**

Do you feel a calling to lead a worship service? Redeemer normally employs the services of a supply pastor when our pastor is on vacation. But sometimes, a supply pastor is not available when needed. This may not happen often, but when it does, we need a person to lead our weekend worship services. If you have a desire to provide this service as a way of serving our Lord, Pastor Bob can review the responsibilities for leading a worship service with you. Please feel free to call him at the church office number 717-394-0651. Thank you!

- Mutual Ministry Committee



### **Prayers!**

Please keep Marie Ulmer's family in your prayers,  
Marie entered the church triumphant on April, 2.

## *Celebration of Life*

### **Marie Ulmer's Celebration of Life Service**

Saturday, May 7th

Sell Chapel at Masonic Village

200 Freemason Drive

Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Greet Family Members at 1:00 pm  
Celebration of Life Service at 2:00 pm

We are studying Advent. We meet at 6:00pm in the library, on Wednesdays.  
Come and join us. Our next study will be the book of Matthew. – Ivy Williams



### **We Care About You!**

We have purchased individually wrapped gluten free wafers for those who have allergies or other reasons for not being able to eat gluten products. The wrapped wafers will be on a tray for you to help yourself to one each week.



### **It's time for a new directory**

Did you know our Redeemer directory is 5 years old? If you've checked lately, you will notice it needs to be updated. This is just a "heads up" to let you know we are working on ideas to make this happen. More information will follow in the weeks ahead. Talk to us if you have any suggestions, Jane Matterness & Sue Miller.



### **Scheduling the Bus**

Beyond Sunday services the Redeemer bus is available for other scheduled events at the church (weddings and funerals, for instance). To arrange for bus transportation from Wheatland Middle School's parking lot to the church, please contact Bill Powers) or Kim Grabusky (717.394.0651 or [redemerluth@yahoo.com](mailto:redemerluth@yahoo.com)). Advance planning allows the bus to be clean, gassed-up, and not scheduled for servicing, as well as providing a driver who is registered with our insurance company. Thank you for your cooperation.



### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

Women's Fellowship Class led by Jane Matterness. Meets in the Social Hall  
Our class focuses heavily on prayer and what the Bible tells us about coping and living in today's world with the challenges we all face. Sharing is caring and we welcome women of all ages to join us.

Bible Study led by Ivy Williams. Meets in the Nazareth room  
Our class is focused on reading and studying the Bible. We are currently studying the book of Matthew. All are welcome to join us.

Bible Study led by Jim Albright. Meets in the Jericho room  
Our class is currently reading "Breathing Underwater" by Richard Rohr. This book shows how the gospel principles in the Twelve steps can free anyone from addiction that we all have to sin. All are welcome.



### **June Monthly Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the next monthly messenger are due by Wednesday, May 25.

# Redeemer Youth: Senior Spotlight

## Ben Steinhart



Ben will be graduating from JP McCaskey High School this coming June. Go, Tornados! Ben participated in Vocal Ensemble and Light Wizard/Stage crew in the theater program throughout his entire high school career. He was recently inducted into National Honor Society. His future plans include attending York College in the fall.

Continue to keep Ben in your prayers during this awesome and exciting time!



# Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

## Women in the Bible

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MIRIAM  
RUTH  
ABIGAIL  
DEBORAH  
ESTHER  
DELILAH

ELISABETH  
MILCAH  
REBEKAH  
LYDIA  
BATHSHEBA  
MARY

EVE  
MARTHA  
ZIPPORAH  
SARAI  
RACHEL  
NAOMI





# Bible Pathway Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

## MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE

Match the question with the answer on the right.

### Questions

- \_\_\_ Who was Jacob's mother?
- \_\_\_ Who was the mother of Isaac?
- \_\_\_ Who was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin?
- \_\_\_ Which mother in the Bible had a set of twins?
- \_\_\_ Who was John the Baptist's mother?
- \_\_\_ Who was the first mother mentioned in the Bible?
- \_\_\_ What was the name of Yeshua's mother?
- \_\_\_ Which female judge said she was "a mother in Israel"?
- \_\_\_ Who was the mother of King Solomon?
- \_\_\_ Whose mother placed him in a basket made from bulrushes?
- \_\_\_ What relationship was Naomi to Ruth?

### Answers

1. Sarai (Sarah)
2. Mary
3. Elizabeth
4. Deborah (Judges 5:7)
5. Eve
6. Rebekah
7. Rebekah
8. Moses
9. Rachel
10. Bathsheba
11. Mother-in-law



### **Prayer Requests**

Jim Baxter, Marianne Burkholder, Patti Coxey, Steven Duke, Bonnie Goshen, Barbara Kahler, Gail Kober, Eleanore Rineer, Donna Sherman, Joy Sutherland, Gerald Stetter, Kathy Weaver.



### **Prayers**

Please pray for our homebound members and those who have ongoing health concerns and also for the Men and Women serving our country. **Please let me know if someone needs to be added or taken off of the list below.**

**Service Men & Women:** Jared Albright, Michael Dangro, Terry Flanagan, Jimi Griffith, Joel Harding, Michael Marschall, Jim Martin, James Pugh, Nathaniel Riley, Willie Rivera, Brandon Schmid, Tyler Schmid, Doug Snyder, Austin Stoltzfus, Justin Stoltzfus.

#### ***Please remember the following people in your prayers:***

Steve Adams, Dianne Adelman, Marshall Anderson, Jane Aspril, Ron Bachman, Edie Baldwin, Glen & Dottie Banner, Dottie Barr, Priscilla Barrow, Millie Bechtold, Charles Bernheisel, Guy Burkholder III, Diane Charles, Cheryl & Dave Clayton, Lois Daily, Bill Dangro, Terri Daniels, Sue Dicely, Denise Dickson, Doug & Joyce Eshleman, Ellie Flickinger, Diane Gegg, Geraldine Gontz, Bonnie Goshen, Richard Hannah, Alvin Harding, Lily Higgins, Margaret Hippey, Harold Hinderdeer, Becky Horn, Jan & John Hughes, Michelle Immel, Barbara Kahler, Judy Keiser, Mike Kloss, Gail Kober, Ron & Florence Lentz, Sam & Dawn Leonard, Peter Levengood, Barry Miller, Charles & Shirley Miller, Ryan Miller, Deb Nazarian, Maria Oblender, June Pfeiffer, Marge Powell, Stan & Cindy Rambish, Bunny Rambler, Tina Rambler, Ed Riley, John Sauders, Jim Scheib, Marie Scheurich, Cleary Benson Schmidt, Doris Schreiner, Betty Spade, Katie Shanley, Donna & Jerry Sherman, Dianne & Harvey Sick, Jack Snyder, Liam Stark, Sterner Family, Gerald & Celeste Stetter, Kathy Vahaly, Joan Veith, Janet Wakefield, Janet Williams, Carolyn & Richard Willitts, Sharon Wingenroth, Angelica Zander.

### **Answers to Mothers in the Bible**

6, 1, 9, 5, 3, 7, 2, 4, 10, 8, 11



**New Directory Update**

In order to save on the expenses of using a pictorial directory company as we have in the past, it has been decided that we offer an updated and modified version instead. This will be done “in house” but we need your help. Please place your completed form in the offering plate or return to the church office. Thank you!

**Household Information**

**Household Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

| Name(s) | Phone | Email | DOB |
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**Optional Information** – Please use this space if you have any special skills or abilities you would like to offer to God through the church, or any ministries you would like to be a part of.

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**Automated Notifications** – Redeemer is planning to engage with a service to provide automated notifications of changes to service schedules, important reminders, etc. Please list the names of any members of your household who would like to opt in for these reminders, and their preferred means of contact (text message, email, or automated phone call).

| Name | Method |
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**The Redeemer Messenger**

Parish Office  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
818 Fifth Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**Church Services**

Saturday 6:00pm, Holy Communion (masks optional)  
Sunday 8:00am, 11:00am, Holy Communion (masks optional)

**Church Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30am to 4:30pm.  
Fridays CLOSED. Call first before stopping in.  
Kim – Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:30am - 4:30pm.  
Thursday, 11:00am-6:00pm.  
Pastor Bob – Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4:30pm.

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Pastor – Pastor Bob Ierien