



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
*Transforming Lives and Building Community by
 Loving God and Serving Others*



Keeping Us Tied Together!

October 18, 2020

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See you Sunday, October 18, **INSIDE** at 10:00 a.m.! Or you can view our services online on [YouTube](#). Sunday's bulletin is available on our website or by selecting the link above. We are winding down our outside services, but we hope to be back outdoors next Sunday, October 25, weather permitting and if the temps stay above the mid-50s—and if not, we will move inside to the sanctuary.

Stewardship Season

The stewardship season is upon us where we will focus on **celebrating a culture of generosity**. We will send along a few communication pieces, one of which you should have received in the mail, one included in here, and one next week that will include your third quarter giving statement. We will also be inviting others to share stories about the people in their lives who have shaped the person they are now and how they have affected their life in serving as a steward. Ultimately our lives are a gift from God, and part of a faithful response is to find ways to be generous with our time, our gifts, and our finances – at home, in the church and for the world. We hope you are excited to look ahead with us as we hear and learn more about stewardship through generosity.

SUNDAY - Pastoral Appreciation

October is National Clergy Appreciation Month and this Sunday please join me (Sally) in a tiny little recognition of Pastor Karsten and Deacon Jennifer for their amazing efforts in guiding their sheep (us) throughout the year, and especially through these past few months keeping us tied together through this unfortunate pandemic that has changed our lives in many ways.

SUNDAY - GOD AT THE MOVIES 101: A course on Social Justice Issues in Popular Films

During each month, we've selected a movie for you to watch at home prior to a predetermined date listed below. We will discuss it via *Zoom* on these third Sundays of each month from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will discuss the questions, themes, and insights you had about the film. (<http://bit.ly/ORLCmovies>) This month's movie called "Just Mercy" will be discussed on Sunday, **October 18 at 7 p.m.** Tell others to join us in our discussion.

MONDAY NIGHT - WEBINAR PART 1: Collectively Healing--Breaking the Cycle of Racism

You are invited to join an online workshop **Mondays, October 19 and 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** with speaker Donte Curtis who has been a presenter and trainer nationally for over ten years. He brings experience and excitement to every training and supports new connections and learning. He is committed to justice, liberation, and equity. During this webinar, we will learn about the Cycle of Socialization and how to break it, reflect deeply on how racism is showing up in our lives, and identify and reframe how we change habits. Registration: <http://bit.ly/ORLCWORKSHOP> You can register ahead using the Zoom link. When you register, you can choose 1 or 2 sessions. **Raffle:** Any person who attends both sessions will have their name put in a raffle to win a \$100 Cub Foods Gift Card!

A New Mission: Sock It to 'Em

Our Redeemer's Mission Team is supporting the **Sock It To 'Em Sock Campaign** for the month of October. This nonprofit organization was established in 2012 and founded by two women from Denver, CO, who are friends of Sally's niece Shari. Sally is an official Ambassador of this organization for Minnesota. The Campaign aims to put **new** socks on the feet of men, women, and children of all ages in need. Socks are the #1 clothing need of those experiencing homelessness. Their motto is, "We're making a social impact one pair of socks at a time!" Visit their website at: <https://sockittoemsockcampaign.org/> or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sockcampaign>. We are collecting new socks now and the Mission's Team has selected the **Listening House** and **local schools** as the recipients of our sock donations!



What can you do to help?

- Donate **new** socks for any age—adults, teens, kids, babies (New socks preferred, but will take gently worn ones.)
- Donate money by writing a check or making a donation with our card reader (see Sally)
- Volunteer to help organize, purchase, and deliver the socks

A Harvest BOO-Tique & Market - October 30 & 31

Some of you may have noticed a plethora of clothing on racks and in bags scattered in the back areas of our church. And some of you know that me (Sally) had a temporary boutique in a commercial space in Woodbury, which was owned by my brother who gently “booted” me out for a much bigger paying renter—Bridgeman’s! While my intent was to donate the clothes and other items to the church rummage sale, I was unable to completely prepare for the sale, so we are having “A Harvest BOO-tique & Market.” (It will also include other donations that were given to the church for the rummage sale that got mixed in with my items.) **Any of you wishing to join me may do so by setting up a table to sell what you wish. You may invite others who might also have an interest.** The plan is to have it outside in our parking lot; however, it may need to be held inside—or partially—should the weather not cooperate. Vehicles could be arranged so that you may stay inside, or tables conveniently located close to the building—all yet to be determined. Participants will collect and keep their earnings. A free-will donation for a space is welcomed, but not necessary. (I will be donating money to ORLC to rent the lot/space for all to join as well as for items that were originally to be held in the rummage sale.) *Whether outdoors or indoors, people will need to wear masks and social distance.*

In this type of market, you can sell almost anything you wish—new, old, vintage, handmade items, clothing, furniture, or market your business, etc. We will try to get a food truck or other food vendors. While the name of the event includes “Harvest,” you may want to sell fall and/or Thanksgiving items. With the “Boo-tique” you may want to have something Halloween’ish or even have a bucket of treats for the children. If you know anyone who sells pumpkins, this would be a good event for them as well. Please let me know if you are interested or if you have questions. (In the meantime, you are welcome to purchase clothing from the racks for a free-will donation to church.)

- Event:** A Harvest BOO-Tique & Market
When: Friday, October 30, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Where: ORLC Parking Lot (possibly inside)
Contact: Sally at office@orlcmn.org by Wednesday, October 28.



Free Fresh Food for Maplewood Community:

Stop in at the Maplewood YMCA Community Center Parking Lot, 2100 White Bear Avenue, October 15, 22, 29, 10am-noon! (See poster on bulletin board.)

Upcoming Happenings

Sunday Services	Sundays @ 10 AM Outdoors (weather permitting) <u>OR</u> online via <i>YouTube</i>
Connection Time	Sundays @ 11 AM On <i>Zoom</i> (see link below in “Connecting on Zoom” box)
Sunday School	Sundays @ 11 AM Outdoors (weather permitting) or to be moved inside
Loaves & Fishes	Wednesdays @ 5:30-6:30 PM Volunteers are always welcome during the hours of 5-7 p.m.
Scripture & Lector	October 18 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 <i>Kathi Kirchoff</i> October 25 2 Samuel 7:1-17 <i>Jim Burke</i>
Movies on Racism	October 18 @ 7 PM On the 3rd Sundays on <i>Zoom</i> (see article on first page)
Anti-Racism Workshop	October 19 & 26 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m. On <i>Zoom</i> (see article on first page)
Young Adult Collab	October 22 @ 6:00 PM. On the 4th Thursdays for dinner and conversation.

CONNECTING ON ZOOM! New ID#s!
SUNDAYS—ORLC Connection Time
 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
 Meeting ID: 947 3459 2014 Passcode: orlc
 Or join by phone: 312-626-6799 (long distance charges may apply)



CONTACT US - We are still here for you!
 Office is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.,
 and Wednesdays 9 a. m. – 5 p.m.
651-772-2445 office@orlcmn.org



Kathi Kirchoff & her NSP Food Shelf Donations!



HOME CHURCH – for Sunday, October 18, 2020

*This is a simple format that allows you—whether by yourself or with others—to take some dedicated time and enjoy the gift of worship in your home setting. If others are with you, the words in **blue** and **green** could be spoken by alternating individuals. Find a quiet place, light a candle, and lift your heart and voice to God.*

Gathering

Jesus Christ is our hope and consolation. – **Now and Always**

We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

(you can make the sign of the cross on your forehead or over your body)

Opening Prayer

Father God, for your care throughout history to reach down to humble folks and find ways to bring them into the fullness of life we give you thanks and praise. Remind us this day of your eternal desire to lift up the poor and needy, and your good plans to guide, strengthen, and comfort your people.

Song – We Give Thee But Thine Own (verses 1,2,4,5)

<p>Verse 1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.</p> <p>Verse 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.</p>	<p>Verse 4 The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace-- it is a Christlike thing.</p> <p>Verse 5 And we believe thy Word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.</p>
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Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

1:⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

2:¹Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. ²"There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

Scripture Reflections and Questions

Many people in scripture have ways to show their own devotion and dedication to God. Today Hannah declares that she would give a son to the Lord – and when she bears Samuel she does just that. What ways do you find yourself being committed to God? What are you giving back to God what has come from God? Take note that Samuel was desperately needed by Hannah to feel at peace, but he will desperately needed by the people – and herein lies God’s handiwork.

The story of Hannah and themes we read about find an echo in other parts of scripture – The birth of Samuel, like Isaac and Moses and Jesus shows God lifting up the lowly and choosing to use children to fulfill important roles and work. The reference here and elsewhere about God being on the side of the poor, lifting up the needy and raising up people is a great quality characteristic of God. And if we want to reflect God the call would be for us to do this too – how might that happen through you this week? Who might be lifted up because of you?

Prayers

Pray silently or out loud (one option is: “Thank you Jesus for....” and “Help me Jesus with....”)

Here is a set of prayers you may use from Clergy Stuff:

Waiting for something wonderful can make us impatient, and blind us to all that is before our eyes in this moment. May we constantly find reasons to be grateful in life, whether the blessings are large or small.

We pray for those who desire children but are unable to have them, for parents who feel regret at their choice, and for children who feel unwanted. Lead us to the places and the people who can heal our hearts and make us whole.

Bless the efforts of those working to preserve arctic habitats and wildlife, amid diminishing ice fields and resources. Assist us in finding ways to protect this beautiful planet on which we live.

You hear the distress of your children when they cry to you. Comfort the suffering and bring joy to the grieved. Send your healing spirit to those who need it, especially...

With St. Luke your evangelist we seek to proclaim your good news in all we say and do. Keep us united with all those who have gone before us in this life, and join us eternally when we reach our eternal reward. Steadfast God

Other petitions may be offered for yourself, the world, The good stewardship of our lives and gifts, the family of Bill Fredine and Matt Kilbride for recent deaths, our partners in Tanzania, the upcoming generosity through our stewardship drive, for our confirmation students (Eric, Maya, Caileigh and Lewis)

Into your capable hands we commend all of these prayers, and place our trust in your faithfulness to answer them in whatever way you choose, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**





CELEBRATING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

Dear Friends at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Remember back in March when we thought that the coronavirus would impact our lives for a few weeks or maybe even a month? For many of us, we recognize that this has been one of the more, if not the most, difficult years of our lives.

In the midst of this difficulty, the world has seen the importance of the church, both in service to the neighbor and our message of grace, more clearly than at any time during my lifetime. It has also been through the ways in which our church has responded in these last months that I have had a tremendous sense of awe in the giftedness of and gratefulness for our leaders.

First, let me say thank you for the ways in which you stepped up to continue to worship, to care for one another, and to keep finding ways for this church to be vital and committed to our members, the community and wider world.

One of the key things I have heard over and over again in this time is that God has shown us our need to walk together, continue to innovate, and step up the ways in which we share God's love to a world that so desperately needs to receive and know God's love.

Your generosity this next year is as important as it has ever been, not to just keep our congregation healthy, but to also help develop the church to continue impacting the world in significant ways.

As we enter into our stewardship drive this year, let's think about all the ways that we have seen generosity this year, and from that seek to be generous in many ways.

In Christ,
Pastor Karsten

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RECOGNIZE YOUR NEED TO GIVE

It is a fundamental spiritual and psychological principle that life and its gifts are to be used and shared. Life cannot be hoarded or it turns in upon itself and you lose it. “Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (*Matthew 16:25*) We each have a deep inherent need to give. To give is to live!

But unfortunately, instead of focusing on our own need to give, all too often we center on the need of the church to receive. The church does seek our support, but we must remember it is God’s Church and it will prosper and flourish in God’s own good time whether we give to it or not. The wonder of it all is what God invites us to be a part of—God’s church and to experience the joy and blessing of generously supporting and extending its’ mission.

Just as a coin, Christian giving has two sides. For too long, we centered mostly on the side entitled “The Need of the Church.” We need to begin concentrating on the side headed “My Need to Give” for giving is an integral part of spiritual life and growth.

