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“The Good Newsletter” of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church



A Message from Pastor Karsten: Dear church family

I am still learning to be a good steward. And my guess is that is probably the same for you too. I am learning more about what I can do without. I am continually finding ways God calls to give from my life. I am understanding more about how giving creates joy in me and results in much good in the world. I am more aware that this world needs me to act in ways to both change things and meet needs. I am uncovering that I can stretch more than I thought. And I am humbled by recognizing that stewardship is far more than what we do with our money – it is how we spend our life and use our time.

Getting to a place of valuing good stewardship and choosing to respond with stewarding my gifts, comes out of life—my life that is full of experiences and examples.

I still carry in my wallet the paper that held peanuts that one young girl (Mallory) in the Dominican Republic bought for me after we connected while working on her school. She literally lived in abject poverty and yet bought these peanuts from a local vendor and said, “por tu” (for you). If this young Dominican girl could give like that how can I try to do the same.

I once stayed with some Missionaries for a month and came to find out that they had saved for about eight months so they could host our group that was coming to stay. When I heard this and tried adding up what I know they spent toward me, I asked months later how I could pay them back. The wife simply responded, “pass it on” which has stirred my generosity.

Another story would be from my mother’s death three years ago. As a woman of faith who contributed to her church regularly and provided an immense amount of leadership for the camp they owned, my brother and I decided to set aside a part of her estate so we could first give that to various organizations that mattered to her and where she found life and value. We have some of these dollars we are still using to be generous in various places.

And a last story about how I learned to be a good steward comes from my marriage with Jackie. When we were dating, I came to understand that she had three bank accounts – one for her savings, one for spending, and one for the church. She gave generously and that has shaped and inspired me.

As stewardship season will be taking place in the weeks ahead, I hope you can reflect back on stories and people that have shaped who you are as a steward of your life. 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.

As we are working to foster a culture of generosity within the church, I invite you to consider the stories and events of generosity around you, and to listen to the stories of others so our lives could keep growing into that good attribute of being generous.

Pastor Karsten



A Message from Deacon Jennifer: Get Ready, Get Set, VOTE!

"I have said this before, and I will say it again," civil rights leader and US House Representative John Lewis said in June 2019. "The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democracy."

In another month, we will be at the polls electing our next president and representatives who will, "to the best of [their ability], preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that [they] will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that [they] take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that [they] will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which [they are] about to enter: So help [them] God."

With all the political rhetoric and character assassination in political advertising, the water is muddied... Laws and policies to undo what previous politicians enacted, scare tactics, spreading false news, and exaggerating details leave us scratching our heads as we reach for the No. 2 pencil to fill in the circle. Can we safely mail in our ballot? Should we trust the system? What about voter fraud and mail fraud?! Eek!

In June of this year, the ELCA put out a message on Government and Civic Engagement in the US. I would like to share a bit of it with you here... "According to a Pew survey, the percentage of U.S. citizens who trust the federal government to do what is right all or most of the time fell steadily from 77% in 1964 to 17% in 2019. Government OF the people has come to be seen as distant and oppressive. Government BY the people has come to be seen as increasingly controlled by a small minority of elites. Government FOR the people has come to be seen as unjust in who benefits and who pays. This concern about dysfunctional government at federal, state, and local levels is widespread... Yet government remains God's gift because it is intended to do what churches, families, individuals, and businesses cannot do on their own: protect and coordinate the well-being of individuals, communities, and creation. Some people object to the church involving itself in matters related to government, in "politics." Taking partisan stances is not the church's role, but "politics" has to do with negotiating how the benefits and burdens of living in a society are shared. Politics is key to self-governance."

When we elect our candidates this November, we as Christians have a responsibility to live out our baptismal promises: to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. That means we need to elect leaders who will enact policies that: make predatory lending illegal, increase emergency services for the homeless, provide assistance for people with serious mental illness, equip law enforcement officers with de-escalation training and resources for working with people with mental illness, and reform the immigration system to be fair and humane.

If we are angry (and we *should* be) about what is happening in our communities and nation (police brutality, homeless encampments scattered throughout the city, increased crime, separation of children from their parents as they cross the border seeking asylum), then it is time to make our voices heard and exercise our duty and right to vote. Vote for humane treatment of refugees and asylum seekers. Vote to end police brutality. Vote with your heart focusing on the words of Christ: Luke 10:25-36. (Go look it up!)

For further thought, read "How should Lutherans be involved in politics?" (Oct 2020) at <https://www.livinglutheran.org>

On a personal note, beginning September 1, I reduced my hours to half-time to accommodate my vocation as parent. I will be at church on Sundays and Wednesdays and working remotely on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please feel free to reach out to me via email jennifer@orlcmn.org or text/call my cell 651-494-7943.

Book Study Ending Soon—Unapologetic History

NYT's best-selling author of *Piecing Me Together*, Renee Watson writes, "This unapologetic telling of the history of racism in our nation is refreshingly simple and deeply profound. This is the history book I needed as a teen." If you didn't get a chance to participate in the last book study, join the discussion around the condensed version of the book by author Ibram Kendi: ***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix***. We will meet on the following Sundays at 11:00am in the courtyard weather permitting otherwise in the Fireside Room: **October 4 and 11**. Cost of the book is \$10.

If you weren't able to participate in the book study, but are interest in reading the book, please reach out to Deacon Jennifer.

Worship Moving Back Inside

At some point in October, you can expect that we will start on a more regular basis of holding services back inside the sanctuary. It looks like October 11 could be great to be outside but the following week or two could mean we will begin months of being back inside. As long as the COVID crisis allows congregations to still meet (in limited numbers and with safe protocols), we will plan to hold services inside with all services continuing to be online (live or recorded) on *YouTube* by selecting the link on our website or on the front page of our weekly newsletters—or by searching for Our Redeemer in St. Paul MN on *YouTube*. *[Note: If there is a further Minnesota lockdown declared, we will return to providing prerecorded worship services.]*

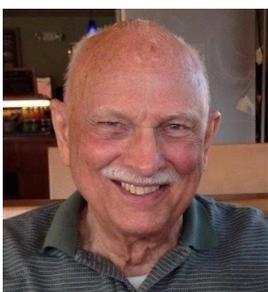
For the days ahead, we will offer live worship; please know these safety measures will be taken: all are required to wear masks while indoors, we will not be having any formal fellowship time with coffee and donuts, all seating will happen in every other pew (as marked off) with only the ends of pews being used, all services will run about 40 minutes, and we will ask you to stay socially distanced from others except those you are not socially distanced from during your regular daily lifestyles. On top of this, we will be sanitizing the seating areas and all touch points (door handles, lights, microphones, etc.) before and after our worship.

We are taking what we believe are good steps so that indoor live worship can still happen safely for us. If there are reasons you are still uncomfortable coming back to worship, please know that there is no pressure to attend, but we also want you aware of these smart steps we are taking.

Pastor Karsten and the Church Board

Updates from the annual St Paul Area Synod Assembly

Our Redeemer is part of the larger Lutheran body called the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In the US there are 65 different Synods and we are part of the St Paul Area Synod which makes up 120 congregations from as far north as North Branch and south to Farmington, and from the Minneapolis edge to the Wisconsin border. During our annual gathering on September 25-26 (this time via Zoom with over 350 participants) there was a variety of business that took place. We re-elected Bishop Patria Lull to a new six year term as our Bishop – she leads with great insights, commitment to the best care of these churches, and vision for the necessary work of the church at this time and into the future. This assembly also took action on three resolutions as a body: To oppose gun violence by advocating for universal background checks and removing weapons from person who are a danger to themselves or others. To stand with immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers empowering congregations to speak about systems that oppress and harm communities of color, advocate for racial equity, and live into the 2009 ELCA social policy called 'Towards Compassionate, Just and Wise Immigrant Reform'. The third resolution approved was encouraging the use of antiracism materials for congregations in contexts of Sunday school, youth groups, Confirmation and adult education. For more information about these resolutions or the groups and resources to help carry them out, or to simply know more about our St Paul Area Synod please go to www.spas-elca.org.



Remembering William "Bill" Fredine

We were sorry to learn about the death of our long-time member, Bill Fredine, on September 28, at the age of 85. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 58 years, Joyce, and is survived by his three daughters, Susan, Nancy, and Karen, as well as his only grandchild, Isabel Puziss. The family has decided to delay any funeral services until it is safe to do so. You may email the family at: fredinefamily@gmail.com.

Bill and Joyce were members since 1973, and as many of you know, Bill was active at Our Redeemer serving on the church council, as an usher, a greeter, and with our 55 Plus and Men's Bible Study groups—just to name a few! Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of grieving. Here is his obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/saint-paul-mn/william-fredine-9382445>



Pastoral Appreciation—Game ON: Sunday, October 18!

October is National Clergy Appreciation Month established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers. Following our service on **Sunday, October 18**, rain or shine, meet Pastor Karsten and Deacon Jennifer in the courtyard for some fun games and competition! If you can't be here, we'll get some clips online. Otherwise, feel welcome to send (to Sally's attention) any thoughts, notes, or ideas.

God's Hands Knitting & Crocheting Group—Come join us!

Join our informal group of handcrafters—knitters and crocheters—that began in 2005! This year due to COVID19, we took a short break but are back again meeting regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. taking the necessary safe protocols of wearing masks and social distancing. In July and August, we met in ORLC's courtyard and enjoyed the weather and beautiful scenery. In September, we met in the Fireside Room as it gets dark so early! We bring our work "in progress" be it a scarf, chemo hat, dishcloth, etc., or a pattern that we might need help in following. Most of the handiwork is done elsewhere but it is fun to see the current projects. We love Show "n Tell! We share conversation, patterns, ideas and sometimes we share yarn.



At the September gathering, we prepared the Prayer Dishcloths that are usually given out at our annual National Night Out (NNO) event. With 188 dishcloths being donated this year, we are well on the way to 700 dishcloths given away in our 5 years of this service project. Due to the rescheduled NNO being cancelled this year, it was decided that the dishcloths would be disbursed at the Wednesday Night's *Loaves & Fishes* Community Meal, North St. Paul's Food Shelf and Merrick's Food Shelf.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues at ORLC. If you know of a need, please let the office know. Over 70 shawls have been given out since this small but valuable ministry began in 2008 at ORLC. Various items have been donated to *Alley Shoppe 109* and *Bundles of Love*, among other non-profits that have touched our hearts.

Please join this fun group of different skill levels. We meet on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to about 8:00 p.m. Come and check us out on October 15, November 19, December 17, etc. Be sure to check out the weekly bulletin for any meeting location changes. We hope to see you there!

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 Susan Elizabeth Lee and Phillis Shimamoto 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 will begin collecting new socks now and the Mission's Team has selected the **Listening House** and **local schools** as the recipients of our sock donations! **Let's Sock It To Em!!**



What can you do to help?

- 👉 Donate **new** socks for any age—adults, teens, kids, babies
- 👉 Donate money by writing a check or making a donation with our card reader (see Sally)
- 👉 Volunteer to help create a sock collection box, organize, purchase, and deliver socks

Second Harvest Heartland Update

Our Redeemer's involvement in volunteering at the Second Harvest Heartland has been canceled for the remainder of the year. However, anyone is welcome to visit their website to participate directly in their activities: <https://www.2harvest.org/>



Attention Thrivent Members!

If you are a member of *Thrivent*, this is a reminder that more "Choice Dollars" have been added to your account, so be sure to take a look at your account and designate yours (hopefully) to Our Redeemer! <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html>



If you are a member and want to use your "Action Team Grant" to help with Our Redeemer ministries, please contact our office and we will help you through the process.

If you are not yet a member of *Thrivent*, learn more about how they can help you and how your donations can benefit Our Redeemer: <https://www.thrivent.com/>

A plethora of produce!

There is so much good that comes from our gardens of produce. With much love and time spent by certain individuals, especially **Tereziana Foray-Wright** and **Mike Kahrau**, but also with the assistance of others including, **Carole Erickson**, **Jacob Trent**, and the ORLC staff. Mike is our official record tracker, and he reported that we provided **369 pounds** of produce for our food shelves and Wednesday community meals! What an amazing labor of love!



Our Redeemer and the Mask Movement Update

As we partner with the *Mask Movement* to provide masks to various individuals and groups that do not have the resources to purchase them, we have been making great progress distributing nearly 400 to our community! We have over a hundred more kits on hand ready for whoever is willing to sew them up. If you know of interested people, contact Sally at the office. A special thanks to those who have already helped out!!



Team Technology – Looking for Volunteers!

It's been quite some time since we've reviewed our entire computer/technology operations from security of documents and website to enhanced website, newsletter and Facebook features to better reach our community inside and out. It would also include assistance with our online Sunday morning streaming. If you are interested in being a part of Team Technology, please contact Sally at office@orlcmn.org or 651-772-2445 by October 30.

U. S. Census Bureau has left the building!

We built a great relationship with the Rochester, Minnesota, U.S. Census Bureau over the past two months as they trained hundreds of Minnesotans to reach out to households members who have yet to complete their Census information. It is an important thing to do since so much of government funding is based on the data provided. Political districts at the federal, state, and local levels are drawn based on population data. So without an accurate count, it is impossible to ensure that people's votes will have the same weight. The results of the census are also used for federal funding: more money goes to places where more people live. And knowing who lives where and how the population is changing is also critical for long-term planning, as cities and communities try to make informed decisions about where to invest in services like new transportation lines or more schools. **STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!** It is good for you and your community.



Have you completed your U. S. Census form?





HOME CHURCH – for Sunday, October 11, 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

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

Merciful God, You do not punish us as our deeds deserve, but rather show compassion to your wayward people. May we in turn show grace to others, that love may abound, and all may know your mercy, through Jesus our savior. Amen.

Confession

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of all ages, You have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so. We succumb to things which are not good for us. We believe we know better than you. We refuse to put our trust in your promises. Sweep away our foolishness and bring us back into a trusting relationship with the one who has lovingly created us and longs to be our strength and life.

Hear the joyful words that God has forgiven us! Our misdeeds and folly are forgotten; grace and mercy abound. Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate creator! Amen.

Song - You can sing or read "All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather"

<p>1 All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.</p> <p>2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.</p>	<p>We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.</p> <p>3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.</p>
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Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

<p>¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he</p>	<p>built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.</p>
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¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn

from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Scripture Reflection

The Hebrew people were alone and frightened in a new land. Their leader had disappeared up a mountain and hadn't been seen since. Their instinct was to return to the gods they knew—the gods of Egypt. When God's wrath burned hot for them, Moses reminded God that God needed to learn the ways of the people before the people could learn the ways of God.

Think of a time in your life, perhaps in your youth, when you were anxious, frightened, experiencing depression or PTSD. Where did you turn for help? Did you rely on God or did you turn to unhealthy vices? What was that like? What was the result? Where and when did God come breaking in to that time of your life?

When we think of all the words to describe God, there are many that we can come up with to edify The Lord. A few that come to mind would be faithful, mighty, forgiving, and of course, love. But, the Bible also tells us "God is a jealous God."

The word jealousy doesn't conjure up the most positive of feelings. Many of us have dealt with jealousy in past relationships or even ourselves. Being jealous can definitely be an emotion that can lead to destructive and even manipulative behaviors. The Apostle Paul even names jealousy among a list of sinful acts in Galatians 5:19-21.

So, if the Lord is perfect, how could God be a jealous God? God is a jealous God in that we are God's children. Our Creator has a rightful claim to the highest level of our love, attention, affection, and especially our worship. This is not for God's benefit, but ours. The Father knows that when we put Him first, there are so many blessings that follow. He doesn't want our praise or our prayers to make Him feel important. God is God, but we lift up our praise, there is a breakthrough in our lives. We pray and we set the stage for a deeper relationship. That aligns us with a life that goes exceedingly and abundantly beyond what we could ever do on our own.

Prayers

If you are with others, invite each person to pray alternating as indicated. *Here is a set of prayers you may use:*

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. So often we miss the mark when we look to other sources to fill our need for you, O Lord. Forgive us for all the foolish ways in which we fail to trust you, and lead us back onto the path that leads to life. Patient God, hear our prayer.

Sometimes this world seems full of danger and fury, with storms and conflict raging around us. We pray for our government and leaders to speak and act truthfully and justly. Give us peace in the middle of the tempest and assure us that your presence has never left us. Patient God, hear our prayer.

Bring healing to this whole world as millions suffer with COVID and the deaths of their loved ones. Help us to care for the land and sea, for

animals and people, that we may treat all with respect and fragility. Patient God, hear our prayer.

Help those who have been misled by cults, harmful ideologies, and addiction to find their way back to your life-giving grace. Be with all who feel abandoned or isolated, and send your healing spirit to those whom we name this day Patient God, hear our prayer.

Whether we live or die, we belong to you, O Lord. Assure us of the promise of your resurrection, and when our time on earth is finished, unite us once more with all your saints in light. Patient God, hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered.

Receive our prayers into your merciful arms, for the sake of Jesus our savior and friend. 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

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God!**

General Election Date: Tuesday, November 3



Registration deadlines: By mail—Oct. 13
Online—Oct. 13
In person - Nov. 3

Voting deadlines: Application by mail—Nov. 2
Submission by mail—Nov. 3
Submission in person—Nov. 3

Early Voting: Began—Sep. 18
Ends—Nov. 3

- Find healthy, secure, and safe ways to cast your ballot this year:
<https://www.healthyvoting.org/minnesota/>
- Get details and deadlines for voting in your area
<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

October 2020 Happenings

Worship Services	Every Sunday @ 10 a.m. (outdoors weather permitting otherwise in the Sanctuary) Holy Communion celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
Scriptures & Lectors	October 4: Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 <i>Cheri Kilberg</i> October 18 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 October 11: Exodus 32:1-14 <i>Holly Forsberg</i> October 25 2 Samuel 7:1-17 <i>Jim Burke</i>
Book Study—Stamped	October 4 & 11 Sundays at 11 a.m. in the courtyard.
Quilting	October 12 & 26 On the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9 a.m.—12 noon in Fellowship Hall.
Knitting & Crocheting	October 15 On the 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in courtyard or inside if weather dictates.
Pastoral Appreciation	October 18 Immediately following worship service—outdoors fun & competition
Movies on Racism	October 18 On the 3rd Sundays at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
Anti-Racism Workshop	October 19 & 26 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Zoom
Young Adult Collab	October 22 On the 4th Thursdays at 6 p.m. for dinner and conversation.
Dorothy Day	October 26 Contact Claire Sexton if you wish to volunteer.

GIVING OF YOUR OFFERINGS



- Mail your offering/envelope to the ORLC office: 1390 Larpenteur Ave E, St. Paul MN 55109
- Drop off your offering/envelope in the locked mailbox located near our front entrance.
- Make an online gift at the link www.orlcmn.org/donate, which is also available on our webs (www.orlcmn.org) by clicking the "Make Donation" button on the 1st page. Set up an automatic one-time or recurring withdrawal from your financial institution, or by using a credit card. (Minimal charge to use a credit card.)
- Text **844-871-2328**, enter amount in message line, send, and you'll receive further instructions.

Additional ways to give to Our Redeemer:

Gift Cards—Gift cards are now on sale the 1st Sunday of each month from Barb Maynard. You can place your order other days by emailing Sally who will coordinate with Barb as to when you can pick them up with your payment.

Order through Shutterfly—Any purchases you make through our Shutterfly Storefront provides Our Redeemer with 8 percent of the sale! Go to: ORLCMN.ShutterflyStorefront.com.

Also, through your Thrivent Dollars!—check your Thrivent accounts regularly for *Choice* dollars that may have accumulated which can be designated to Our Redeemer or as your choose.

Worship details on back page!

CONNECTING ON ZOOM!

SUNDAYS—Our Redeemer Connection Time

11:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Meeting ID: 947 3459 2014 Passcode: orlc

THIRD SUNDAYS—Movie Conversation on Racism

7:00—8:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/96332478590>

Meeting ID: 963 3247 8590 Passcode: orlc

Or participate by phone: 312-626-6799
(long distance charges may apply)

CONTACT US - We are here for you!

We are in the office Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m.—1 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.—5 p.m. However, please reach out to us anytime beyond these hours as we want to hear from you if you would just like to talk or if you have prayer needs.

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Community Free Meals—Wednesdays Drive-Thru Take-Out Meals & More!

It's a humbling experience watching the activity in one hour of time flow through the front property of our church on **Wednesdays** from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Even the pooches enjoy the experience! Remember to spread the word of our free community meals as well as the other items we may have available thanks to the **North St. Paul** and the **Merrick food shelves**, which provide various breads, pastries, fruits, vegetables, snacks, etc., when available. Weather permitting, we also put out tables of **FREE** clothes. Please tell your family, friends, neighbors to join us — because **ALL** are **WELCOME**—no questions asked (not based on financial status).

Volunteers! We are always looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen, set up tables, bring out the free food and clothing and also take down and clean up. We generally need 8 to 12 individuals each week (5-7p.m.) so please sign up at <https://bit.ly/loaves-fishes> or see Deacon Jennifer.



SUNDAY WORSHIP OPTIONS - At Church & On YouTube & By Reading "Home Church"

- Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. **at church** outside (weather permitting) in our courtyard with drive-up access in our East parking lot area—or inside the Sanctuary.
- Online <http://bit.ly/ORLCMNyoutube> or go on to our website: www.orlcmn.org and on the first page there is a link under the title, "YouTube Videos." Or on **YouTube**, search for "Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Paul, MN" (look for logo)
- Read our weekly **Home Church** if you do not have access to a computer or other electronic device.

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