

# OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

## June 2019

### Going Back to The Cross

***but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 1 Corinthians 1:23***

A European village priest in medieval times told his congregation, 'Come back tonight for a special sermon about Jesus.' And they did. To their surprise, however, no candles illuminated the sanctuary. They groped their way to the pews and sat down. The priest was nowhere to be seen. Then they heard him walking through the church towards the front. When he reached the cross that hung on the wall, he lit a candle. And without saying a word he illuminated the pierced feet of Christ, then His side, then one hand, then the other. Raising the candle, he shed light on the blood-masked face and the crown of thorns. Then with a puff he extinguished the candle and dismissed the congregation. Nothing more needed to be said. Take the words 'Christ crucified', and add the words 'for me', and you'll understand what God did when He hung His sinless Son on that cross. Had you been the only person who ever lived, Christ would have died for you. With His arms stretched wide, He was saying, 'This is how much I love you.' When you're tempted to sin, when you're guilt-ridden by sin, when Satan whispers, 'There's no hope for you,' when pride would have you focus on your own virtue and morality, go back to the cross. You can't go there too often. Hymnist Isaac Watts sums it up in these words: '*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*'

### **Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, help me daily remember what You have done for me on the cross! Thank You! In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **Celebrate June Birthdays at “Coffee And...”**

Come and celebrate God's gift of life during “Coffee And” immediately following church on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'll sing “Happy Birthday” and share in some tasty birthday treats.

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study!**

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet each Wednesday during the month of June. Class meets in the Parlor, beginning at 11 AM. We will continue our study of Christian denominations.

### **Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List**

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beverages, Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce. Items can be dropped off at Our Redeemer and placed beneath the preschool bulletin board.

### **Worship Service at Aspired Senior Living**

On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM Our Redeemer will lead a Worship Service at Aspired Senior Living in Prospect Heights. Volunteers are needed to assist Pastor and the residents during the service. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with Pastor Rod.

### **Summer Suppers**

For the fourth summer at Our Redeemer, we are blessed to once again participate in the Summer Suppers for the Community Homeless. Our Summer Suppers will be held on the Second Thursday of each month starting in May and continuing through September. Our first serving will be on Thursday May 9. If interested in volunteering, please sign up on the “What's Happening” board. Also, please note items that are needed for our ‘take-with’ table. Any questions, please see Jim, Traudy, Pastor or Stacey.

### **Walk at Lake Arlington**

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ in walking around Lake Arlington each Saturday morning in the month of June. We meet at 8:30 AM just off the parking lot, next to the walking trail.

### **Father's Day Breakfast at Our Redeemer**

Mark your calendars and join us for breakfast on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 9 am. Please RSVP on the “What's Happening?” bulletin board.

### **Pastor Rod will be out of town on June 13, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Should you need Pastoral care during this time please contact the church office, or Jim Burmeister. In an emergency, Pastor can be reached on his cell phone: (630) 373-5220.

### **VBS:**

The dates for VBS have been set. VBS will be held from July 15-19. Redeeming Grace has committed to partnering with us with this very successful outreach program for our community. If interested in helping (either during the week or 'behind the scenes' help) please see Stacey or Shannon Hall. Help is always needed in many different ways. Please watch for further information on the 'What's Happening' board and in our Weekly News.

### **Summer Midweek Services**

If you are going to be out of town on a weekend in June. Join us on Wednesday evening at 7 PM instead. Communion will be celebrated at the May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>, and June 26<sup>th</sup> service.

### **Attention Amazon .com users!**

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Questions – see Jim Burmeister

### **Student Ministry**

#### **Take your Kid to Lunch, "End of the School year Edition:**

Join Pastor and Laurie at "Take your Kid to lunch" Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Welcome Center following service and leave around 11 AM.



### **Gifts of Love for the Lutheran Home**



The Auxiliary of Lutheran Home and Services is collecting "Gifts of Love" to be used as gift items to cheer residents as they help them celebrate their birthdays. The following new items are suggested:

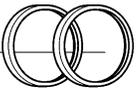
Kleenex (120 - 160 count), Birthday Cards, Pens, Pads of Paper, Games, Puzzles, Handkerchiefs, Bar Soap, Packaged Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Deodorant and Lip Balm

A box for these donations is available across from the Welcome Center.

Thank you!



June 2- Erni Santiago  
3 – Rylee Hartmann  
6 – Wally Olson  
15 – Eydie Olson  
19 – Georgette Witt  
25 – Joan Wilson  
26 – Karen Gordon  
28 – Gary Schroeder  
Alex Reschke  
Tegan Reschke

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

June 1 – Jim and Traudy Burmeister  
2 - Ray and JoAnn Clow  
28 – Bob and Bev Chudy

