

OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

November 2019

Becoming Christlike

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

If you could change through self-effort, you wouldn't need the Lord. Plus, any attempt on your part to earn or merit His grace disqualifies you. Why is that? Because you're striving to be the source of your own salvation, or your own significance, or your own strength. If you want to know what really upsets God – that will do it every time! 'So how on earth am I supposed to become more Christlike?' you ask. Die to 'self' and allow Christ to live through you! Take a moment to ponder these Scriptures: *'Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life...If God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed...God...won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells – even though you still experience all the limitations of sin – you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself?'* (Romans 8:5-11). How can you tell that Christ is alive and working in you? When others look at you they will see Him. When they listen to you they will hear Him. And when they walk with you they will be following Him. 'How long does it take to become Christlike?' you ask. It happens a day at a time, over a lifetime. Each day die to self and be alive for Christ.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me each day to die to self so that I can be alive for Christ! In Jesus name, Amen.

Celebrate November Birthdays at "Coffee And..."

Come and celebrate God's gift of life during "Coffee And" immediately following church on Sunday, November 3rd. We'll sing "Happy Birthday" and share in some tasty birthday treats.

All Saint's Day Roses:

On Sunday, November 3rd we will remember All Saints' Day at Our Redeemer. If you would like to place a white rose on the altar for that Sunday the cost is \$2 each rose or 3 for \$5. The sign-up form is available on the Welcome Center. Payments for the roses may be placed in the envelope provided. Please sign up no later than **Tuesday, October 29, 2019.**

Service at Aspired Living:

Sunday, November 3rd 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.

Wednesday Morning Bible study:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study in November! We will be concluding our study of Christian Denominations in the month of November. There will be no class on Wednesday, November 13th because Pastor will be in Minnesota. See you Wednesdays at 11 AM in the Parlor.

Walk at Lake Arlington, Saturday November 2nd at 8:30 AM:

Please join us for our last "Walk at Lake Arlington" of the season. The renovations at Lake Arlington are complete, so we will meet there. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor.

Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List:

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: **Canned Corn, Canned Beans (white, red, cannellini), Cereal, Soup (cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, chicken noodle, chicken with rice), and Tuna.** Items can be dropped off at Our Redeemer and placed beneath the preschool bulletin board.

Prayer Chain Request:

If you have a prayer you wish to be sent to the prayer chain, please contact Jim Burmeister using one of the following methods; (1) Via phone – Home (847) 934-5963 or Cell (847) 343-3798. There is voice mail on both numbers. (2) Via Text – (847) 343-3798 (3) Via E-mail: jtjd4b@comcast.net. **Please use this e-mail address only. Thank You!**

Christmas Gift Card Drive:

This year the Events Committee would like to be able to purchase gifts for two different programs. As in the past, we will receive name(s) of low income families within Wheeling Township, but also this year we would like to purchase gifts as part of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois' Foster Child Christmas Drive.

This year we will once again be offering the opportunity for you to order Kohl's or Walmart gift cards (any denomination). The gift cards you order will be a part of Little City/Countryside's gift card fundraiser (an organization helping Special Needs Adults). By doing it this way, it not only helps us purchase Christmas Gifts for some needy families and foster children, but also contributes to the fundraiser at Little City/Countryside in their strive to offer much needed programs for their families.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Traudy Burmeister and Daniel Snyder

Christmas Wreaths: WOW – Christmas Wreath Ordering Time Again!!!

Yes, it is that time again to consider ordering your Christmas wreaths, etc. to decorate your homes for the Holidays this year. Order forms and pictures are available at the Welcome Center. Orders need to be in by November 5 – delivery will be at the end of November. Any questions, please contact Traudy Burmeister.

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social:

On Wednesday, November 27th at 7 PM come and join in giving praise and thanksgiving to God for His many good gifts. Also, following the Thanksgiving Eve service, join us for a pie social in the parlor.

Thank you Meals on Wheels Volunteers:

Thank you to all of our members who delivered meals for the Meals on Wheels program during the month of October. You were a great blessing for those residents of our community.

Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival Thank You:

Thank you to all who donated and volunteered for the Fall Festival yesterday. We could not have done it without you. Thank you!!

Attention Amazon.com users!

If you make online purchases from Amazon.com, you can help Our Redeemer. You can have a donation from Amazon sent to Our Redeemer based on your smile.amazon.com purchases.

Simply login to: smile.amazon.com with your normal login information and designate Our Redeemer as the recipient. Enter Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Search box and scroll down until you find us. It should be on the 4th page about halfway down, but could be on a different page depending on how many other Our Redeemers enroll. Amazon does the rest. We get a 0.5% donation of eligible purchases.

Questions – see Jim Burmeister

Youth Ministry

Take your Kid to...Lunch:

Join Pastor and Laurie Sunday, November 17th for "Take your Kid to lunch". 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



November 1 – Robby Noll
3 – Gina Gebert
5 – Marion Heunisch
12 – Jim Burmeister
14 – Judy Vosecky
18 – Shannon Hall
23 – Bob Chudy
27 – Dan Bacchiere

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

November 11 – Tim & Sue Perek

