

OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

November 2023

Sit Down, Be Silent, Be Thankful

“Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your greatest vows to the Most High.

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; and I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me.”

~ (Psalm 50:14-15)

One of the great privileges we have as God’s children – Christians – is to be thankful to God for all that He has done for us, for supplying the needs of our bodies and the needs of our souls. And yet, sometimes in our lives we find it difficult to remember that all we have and all that we are is a gift of God – not earned, nor deserved, but a gift.

“But wait!” people say, “We have ONE special day set aside on which to thank God – and that is Thanksgiving Day!” Oh. So, ONE day was set aside for Thanks to God, while our Lord looks after us EVERY day.

Brothers and Sisters, fellow Christians, every day is to be a day of thanksgiving. Every day God’s mercies are new. Every morning He showers us with blessings. All of it, every blessing, grace and mercy are undeserved. And all that we ought to do is remember from whom they come, and say, “Thank you.” It’s all we can do, really, other than to look out for one another, as family.

Now, God does know what is in our hearts, and if we are grateful, He knows it. There are times, though, when we need to say it out loud to remind ourselves to know it – if that makes sense. Too much internalizing, and it can be taken for granted, and we forget, and we drift, and we no longer are thankful.

In the text quoted above we are invited to call upon God. Despite our slowness to thank God or even acknowledge His good gifts, God is still willing to have us call on Him, and we have His promise that He will help us. THIS is God’s Love. What reason to give God thanks each day as we rejoice in Him.

We have all been given so many and so great blessings. Certainly all of us will want to thank our God each day. Thank Him for the life that we live. Thank Him for the salvation that He has given us in His Son, Jesus Christ. Thank Him for the freedoms we enjoy in the nation. Thank Him for the fellow Christians with which we share His blessing. Thank Him for the opportunities that we have as members of this congregation, as members of the Kingdom of God, to serve Him with our time, our talents, and our earthly and spiritual treasures.

Our greatest joy, as Christians united in service to God, is working together to bring others to know Jesus. Our greatest service, as Christians united around the Word and Sacraments, is to further God’s own mission of spreading the Gospel. Our greatest act of thankfulness is that of turning our lives back to the Lord, following in His paths, and dedicating all that we are and have to the furthering of God’s kingdom.

This year, as we gather together with family, friends, and Church on our special National Day of Thanksgiving, let us pause and thank God. Let us thank God for each other, and our life as His people. Let us pause and re-dedicate our lives in service to our Lord. Let us pause and see with new awareness the blessings God has bestowed upon each of us.

~Rev. Jeffery H. Leichman

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ORLC Network Name: ORLC-Sanc-WiFi
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Website:

ourredeemerprospectheights.org
contains links for Livestream online worship, Bulletins and Monthly News, and Online Giving. Check it often.

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Prayer Request Information

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone (847)934-5963 home or (847)343-3798 cell; or via email at **elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org**.

Daylight Saving Time – Clock Adjustment Reminder

A friendly reminder to set your clocks back one hour at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 5th.

Coffee and...

Please join us for our special November Birthday celebration at 'Coffee and...' following Worship on Sunday, November 12th.

Hunger Jar

The jar is located on a stand at the top of the steps.

Adult Bible Study

Please join us in the Parlor for Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

Wheeling Township Adopt-A-Family Program

In the past, Our Redeemer has participated in the Adopt-A-Family program for low income families organized by Wheeling Township. Our Redeemer would like to help these Township families again. If you are interested, we will be offering an opportunity for you to contribute monetary donations to help us provide the gifts needed. With the monetary donations, we will be ordering gift cards (with which we will purchase the items needed by the families), through a fundraiser Jim and I organize for the Little City/Countryside Assoc. for the mentally challenged – a place where Danny attends. All donations need to be given to Traudy by Sunday, November 19th. Any questions, please talk to Traudy.

Wheeling Township Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Cereal, Fruit (Pears, Peaches, Pineapple, apple sauce), Potatoes (canned white potatoes, instant mashed boxes and packets, flavored boxed potatoes), Jelly or Fruit preserves, Beans (Red Kidney, White Northern and Cannellini). Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

Meals-on-Wheels (Home Delivered Meals)

Thank you to all of our members who delivered meals for the Home Delivered Meals program (previously named Meals-On-Wheels) during the month of October. You were a great blessing for those residents of our community.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Please join us on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22 (time TBD) as we give praise and thanks to God for His many gifts. Immediately following the service, there will be a life meal. Small subs will be provided by Our Redeemer, however, donations of either a side dish or a PIE to go with the meal would be greatly appreciated. A sign-up form/RSVP form will be on the Welcome Center.

Church Decorating Day

Please join us on Friday, Dec 1 at 12:00 noon (the Advent season starts on Sunday, Dec. 3). We will start with a life lunch, provided by Our Redeemer, before tackling all the containers. If you are interested in lending a hand, please let Bill Noll or Traudy Burmeister know.

Calendars

Once again, the Prison Ministry at St. Edna is collecting calendars for those incarcerated for the next year. We would like any 2024 calendars that you will not be able to use including single sheet, pocket and wall calendars. All are greatly appreciated by the many prisons we have distributed them to in the past. The chaplains for the various correctional centers distribute these freely to the incarcerated. Please help our excess become a gift to those who have not. This is also a sign of hope to those incarcerated that others care and they are not alone in their situations. God always gives us hope, let us pass it along.
Sue Perek

December Voter's Meeting

Please plan to join us for the December Voter's meeting on Sunday December 10th immediately following Worship.

Sonshine News

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser Thank You

Thank You to everyone who has ordered Christmas Wreaths, etc. as part of Sonshine Preschool's annual fundraiser. Delivery will be starting the week of Thanksgiving. As in the past, thank you so much for all of your support.
Traudy Burmeister

Celebrating *An Anniversary This Month*

6 – Chuck and Karen Braun
11 – Tim and Sue Perek



1 – Robby Noll
12 – Jim Burmeister
14 – Judy Vosecky
18 - Shannon Hall



November	1	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	5	9:00 am	All Saints Day (Observed) With Communion Coffee and...
	8	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	12	9:00 am	24 th Sunday after Pentecost No Communion Coffee and... November Birthdays
	14	4:30 pm	BOD Meeting
	15	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	19	9:00 am	25 th Sunday after Pentecost With Communion Coffee and...
	22	11:00 am TBD	Adult Bible Study Thanksgiving Eve Worship
	26	9:00 am	Last Sunday of the Church Year No Communion Coffee and...
	29	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study

