

OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

October 2024

Came and Went

So, September 11 came and went. It's been twenty-three years since a handful of lunatics with Shari'ah Law in their hearts and minds assaulted the United States of America. Yes, I know, I'm personifying the entire Nation, but the vicious murder of those two-thousand, nine-hundred, seventy-seven citizens of these United States was "nothing personal" against any of them, but they were just a means to express the abject hatred those terrorists had against this Nation, and all for which it stands. That is, the intent was to begin a war to destroy the Constitution and the Amendments of this Nation, and to replace it with a religious hegemony under deluded fanatics. They seem to have succeeded.

Across these United States there are foolish people ("gays for Palestine," if you think about that one) who are supportive of another act of terrorism on October 7 of this last year, when an even larger group of fanatics, equally whipped into impassioned violence against a group of Jewish people near Gaza in Israel. Total killed is over one-thousand, two-hundred men, women, little children. Little children were not spared, but were butchered along with adults, no consideration given.

Lest anyone say this is a political spiel, so far (although using colorful language) what has been stated is facts. Per capita, the percentage of Israelis murdered is astronomical compared to the number killed on September 11, 2001. Yet, those who are opposed to those people who did this are accused of being genocidal (isn't that backwards?), of being "little Hitlers" (which is odd, since what I recall from history is that he also killed Jews, but was at peace with North African Muslim), and being insensitive to the culture of the Palestinian people.

We have several problems here: There are no true Palestinian people, since those were mostly killed off back in the seventh century by the Arabs and Turks, who took the name; not all those who call themselves Palestinian are part of Hamas, which is a particular religio-political movement dedicated to the extermination of Jews; and the people supporting Hamas would by-and-large be among those others who would be under condemnation of Shari'ah Law for living particularly unwholesome personal lives. Yet, those who state these facts have been "cancelled" by the media, and by academia, as if those organization were all dedicated to the continued genocide of the Jews in World War II. In this, we can rightly call the elimination of the Jewish people as genocide, since though Judaism is a religion, it's also mostly ethnic, encompassing people whose mothers' mothers go back to the Diaspora, and not many join Judaism from outside.

Christians can have no part in this. Saint Paul, though thoroughly convicted that salvation is through Christ Jesus alone, stated that he wished it were possible for him to sacrifice himself if in that way his people by blood would turn to the Lord who was sent to them first of all, and only then to the Gentiles. We, too, need to have this heart of compassion towards the Jewish people. Yes, they have an incomplete faith, but unlike their ancestors, most Jewish people are hidden away from what Christianity really is – that is, the fulfillment of the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jesus is the Suffering Servant in whom all of Israel was subsumed, and who lived and died righteously, that by His Work all others (who cannot work purely) would be delivered. Jesus came for those killed by the Hamas. That they did not know Jesus is surely as much our fault as any, for the Apostles were told "beginning in Jerusalem, go into Judah, Samaria, and all the ends of earth," but they were not told to abandon Jerusalem or Judah or Samaria. The people there, in every age, need Jesus just as much as any one of us does. And, we do know the depths of our need, don't we? I hope so, since we discuss this every week.

Violence in these United States against Jewish people has continued to increase over the last several months. University and High School students who are Jewish have been ambushed, beaten, women have been assaulted in vile ways, and those who perpetrate these things are given some sort of cultural pass to do so insofar as there has been no consistent condemnation of such behavior by those in authority to maintain civil order. How did this happen? If there were an Adolf Hitler today, would the people of the United State actually condemn this monster to hell as was done eighty years ago? Would there be outrage over what was being done? Something is just not right.

Fortunately, we are in this world, but we are not of it. We petition the Lord God to come to the rescue of all people who are being persecuted. Having once been a persecuted people and religion, surely Christians see this can never be right. Our God is a marvelous God, and His compassion for the children of Abraham in the flesh still abides. No, He is not their God, but just as a child might run from home and curse the parents, yet the parents' love does not fail, we can see this in the Heart of Him who is, who was, who is to come. Let us ever pray for the Jewish people, that the "return to the Lord" in Christ Jesus, and find every reason to rejoice in His salvation through that same Jesus, even as we do.

God's Peace,
Pr. Jeffery H. Leichman

Website

Our website: **ourredeemerprospectheights.org** contains links for Livestream online worship, Bulletins, Monthly News, YouTube service recordings, Online Giving and Sonshine Preschool info. Check it often.

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Prayer Request Information

Contact Jim Burmeister if you have a prayer request. Please be sure to have permission from the person for whom you are requesting prayers if you are divulging any specific medical information. If you would like specific wording for a prayer, please send it via text or email. Contact info for Jim: Text or Cell(847) 343-3798. Home (847) 934-5963

Email: elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org

Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study in the Parlor on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm, and on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am.

Hunger Jar

Please remember the **Hunger Jar**. The jar is located on a stand at the top of the steps. Funds donated through the Hunger Jar are designated to be used for the Food Pantry.

Coffee and...

Please join us for a time of fellowship in the Parlor immediately following Worship. October Birthdays will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Altar Flower Arrangements

The 2024 pricing for Altar flower arrangements is \$30 per floral side or centerpiece. Checks can be made payable to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Thank you for your help with beautifying the Altar.

Reformation Bonfire

This year's Reformation Bonfire will be held on Saturday, October 26. Rain Date has been set for Sunday, October 27. More information will be given via sign-up sheets on the Welcome Center and emails. We welcome anyone interested in helping to set up on that day. And, of course, we are always looking for more 'pallets' to burn. So if you see any pallets behind businesses that you think that they are tossing out, or you can help us set up on that Saturday, please contact Jim Burmeister.

Thank You!

"Thank you" does not seem to say enough for everything that friends and members of Our Redeemer have done for me after the recent fire in my Arlington Heights condo unit. Your generous gifts, prayers, words of kindness and encouragement have touched my heart in ways words cannot express.

With love and deep gratitude, Vickie Woods

Our Redeemer Vaccine Clinic: Sunday, October 13, 2024

Our Redeemer will hold our annual vaccine clinic on Sunday, October 13, starting at 8:15 am and continuing during Coffee-And. Walgreens will once again provide the vaccines which will include:

Flu (Regular and High Dose) and Covid-19 (NEW Moderna booster)

*Pneumonia, Shingles, Tetanus and RSV also available; please speak to Stacey Hall before the clinic date if interested in any of these vaccines.

Please sign-up using this SignUpGenius link, or by calling Stacey @847-602-2607 or calling the church office.

<https://signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4CABAE2DAB9-51554503-ourredeemer>

Outreach Opportunity Updates

Food Pantry

We met in September with those interested in learning more and willing to help us move forward with this Outreach Idea. Following is an update – After waiting months for communication with the Chicago Food Depository (which handles Cook County), they decided that they could not partner with us at this time. With everyone's help, we are now in the process of obtaining information from other food sources and/or companies for food donations to help fund our Food Pantry. Also, if you are a Thrivent Member, there is an opportunity for you to help fund the Food Pantry through their Action Team program which supplies funds for Outreach Programs for churches. There is no cost to the members – Please see Stacey Hall or Traudy Burmeister to learn how to sign up through your Thrivent account.

Sonshine Preschool News

Our school year has started successfully. During the month of October, we will have our annual Family Open House. Parents will have an opportunity to hear what we do during a regular school day and see what their children have accomplished so far. Our School Fall Festival will be held on October 30 during regular school hours. Also, please **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our second annual **'stuff your own animal' Noah's Ark Workshop** which will be on Saturday, November 9. All Our Redeemer and Sonshine families and friends are invited. More info to follow.

Traudy Burmeister



Mikayla Drake – 3rd
Vickie Woods – 8th
Chuck Braun – 12th
Charlene Schweigel – 12th
Jerry Seidl – 29th



Bill and Georgette Witt – 12th
John and Stacey Hall – 17th



October	2	11:00 am	Bible Study
	6	9:00 am	20 th Sunday after Pentecost With Communion Coffee and... October Birthdays
	7	7:30 pm	Bible Study
	8	4:30 pm	BOD Meeting
	9	11:00 am	Bible Study
	13	9:00 am	21 st Sunday after Pentecost No Communion Coffee and...
	14	7:30 pm	Bible Study
	16	11:00 am	Bible Study
	20	9:00 am	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost With Communion Coffee and...
	21	7:30 pm	Bible Study
	23	11:00 am	Bible Study
	26	TBA	Reformation Bonfire
	27	9:00 am	Reformation Day (Observed) No Communion Coffee and...
		TBA	Reformation Bonfire rain date
	28	7:30 pm	Bible Study
	30	11:00 am	Bible Study