

OUR REDEEMER MONTHLY NEWS

September 2023

Living the Faith, Doing the Faith, Showing YOUR Faith

There are many passages in the Bible that get quoted by people who never really read the Bible, they just heard something somewhere. Maybe it was from a movie, or accidentally watching a TV Evangelist who was taking the Word of God out of context. Here are some examples, and stumbling blocks we need to avoid.

“Jesus is Love.” Then they go and completely twist the meaning of “Love” to mean sexuality or selfishness (you know, “love thyself,” which isn’t in the Bible). The Love with regard to Christ Jesus means to do what is right under every circumstance, even for those whom you may not like that much. It also means to speak the truth as gently as possible, but not to let an error continue for long. For instance, it is not kind or merciful never to discuss your faith with someone who is not a Christian, just because you’re afraid of upsetting that person. Yes, you have to have a trust, a friendship, to be heard, but do not leave a Hindu friend in the darkness of never having heard of Jesus. I hope that makes sense.

“Whatsoever you have done to these, My brethren, you have done it unto Me.” That’s wonderful, and so we all are called upon so to do. But, rarely do the TV people, or the movies, ever mention the second part of that: “Whatsoever you did NOT do for one of these, My brethren, you did NOT do it to Me.” So, Jesus has us in the cross-hairs. If we have the resources to help someone in dire need, and choose not to do so, maybe because we don’t like their clothing, their hair, or their skin color (yes, that’s still a problem on ALL sides), but that person is a Child of God, then we are choosing to let Jesus go hungry, or thirsty, or naked in the cold. The difficulty is that there are people who pretend to be brothers or sisters in Christ, but are planning to bilk you for as much as they can. Yet, it is better to be deceived on the side of being merciful than it is to be correct, but for the wrong reasons. When making a decision, or even an a mistake, let it be on the side of the Gospel, of mercy, of kindness. Do we always do that? I can see in the past where I’ve skipped over certain beggars because I didn’t like that they were wearing new shoes. Yet, how do I know they didn’t just luck-out at Good Will? Mea Culpa. Mea Culpa. Mea Magna Culpa.

“Whosoever confesses Me before men I will confess before the Father.” It is not enough of a confession of faith to say that you trust in Jesus only when in the company of other Christians. That’s the easy way out. There’s the other side. “Whosoever denies Me before men I will deny before the Father.” That’s the second half. If we are ashamed to be known as a peculiar people, a chosen people, in the company of non-believers, then we have denied the faith in our hearts. There’s no need to be obnoxious about it, but if someone asks, do you give a statement of all that Jesus has done for you in your life? Or, just shrug it off, say something like, “It’s a family tradition.” There are such people. I’ve noticed that in the world the name “Lutheran” is becoming more and more ridiculed because all that people hear is about those “other” Lutherans, the WOKE ones with the practicing gay and transsexual pastors. The ones who keep doing offensive things like thanking God for an abortion. That means that WE, the Confessional, Traditional, Biblical Lutherans are not making a mark in the world. True, the News doesn’t usually cover good things that happen, but word of mouth does get around, and if we, as a Church, do something magnificently merciful in the Name of Jesus, people will talk. That is also confessing Christ before men – by being a people whom others say are “different,” in a good way.

The upcoming Summer Supper will be the last for the year. We have had many wonderful people come to help. If you would like to do something for the down-trodden, maybe help do something for one who might be a brother or sister in Christ, please do consider making donations of food through Traudy, or get on a list to come volunteer to serve. I end with this because it’s a wonderful place to start Living the Faith, Doing the Faith, Showing YOUR Faith - in Christ Jesus.

God’s Peace to you all, Rev. Jeffery H. Leichman

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Website

Our website: **ourredeemerprospectheights.org** contains links for in person worship registration, Livestream online worship, Bible Studies, Bulletins and Monthly News, and Online Giving. Check it often.

Email address for Pastor Leichman

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Leichman, please use the following address: Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

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.

Wheeling Township Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (white northern, cannellini or kidney), Jelly, Pancake Syrup, Pancake Mix, Juice Boxes, Juice Bags, 24 oz Juice Bottles. 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.

Adult in person Bible Study

Please join us in the Parlor for in person Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. We are studying the book of Peter.

Hunger Jar

Please remember the **Hunger Jar**. The Board of Directors has designated all Hunger Jar monies received this year to go to Living Christ Lutheran Church's Food Pantry. The jar is located on a stand at the top of the steps.

Coffee and...

Please join us for our special September Birthday celebration at 'Coffee and...' following Worship on Sunday September 10th.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS (Home Delivered Meals)

The calendar for Meals on Wheels is now posted on the "Ongoing Collections" bulletin board. We are looking for volunteers to help with the meal delivery for the month of October. For questions and sign up information, please contact Laurie in the Church Office at 847/537-4430.

Thank you for your support!

Altar Guild and Lector Opportunities

We are looking for some additional volunteers to add to our Altar Guild and Lector (Lay Reader) teams. If you are interested in more information, please contact Jim Burmeister.

Summer Suppers 2023 Recap

A 'BIG' thank you to everyone who donated items as part of the meals and especially those of you who took the time to come and help prepare and serve the meals. We prepared and distributed an average of around 50-60 meals each month. For our last summer supper being served on Thursday, September 14, we will be using the rest of the items that were brought in during the past few months. If you haven't had a chance to help during one of the summer suppers, or would like to help again, please let us know. Again, thanks so much for your support. Traudy, Jim and Stacey

ORLC Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday October 15th – Details coming soon!

ORLC Reformation Bonfire

More information coming soon!

Sonshine News

Sonshine Preschool Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who took a "Ray-of-light for Sonshine" of supplies needed. We truly appreciate it. We ask for your continual support and prayers as we start a new year.

The Sonshine Staff

Do You Have Some Spare Time????

The classrooms and hallway in the Sonshine Education Wing are in need of a good cleaning. Bob Hartmann has so graciously volunteered to mop these areas. While Bob is moping and to effectively clean all the floors, we would like help in moving around some of the rugs, small cabinets and some light furniture. We plan on doing this on Monday morning, Sept. 4 (Labor Day). If you have no plans for Labor Day and would like to help in some way, please let me know. I truly do appreciate it. We also ask you for your continual prayers as we begin another school year knowing that Jesus loves all of His little children. Traudy Burmeister





September 5 – Sue Schroeder
11 – Ron Bach
21 – Bill Witt
22 – Stacey Hall
30 – Bill Noll

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

September 24 – Bob and Stacey Hartmann



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| September | 3 | 9:00 am | 14 th Sunday after Pentecost With Communion Coffee and... |
| | 6 | 11:00 am | Adult Bible Study |
| | 10 | 9:00 am | 15 th Sunday after Pentecost No Communion Coffee and... September Birthdays |
| | 13 | 11:00 am | Adult Bible Study |
| | 14 | 5:00 pm | Summer Suppers |
| | 17 | 9:00 am | 16 th Sunday after Pentecost With Communion Coffee and... |
| | 20 | 11:00 am | Adult Bible Study |
| | 24 | 9:00 am | 17 th Sunday after Pentecost No Communion Coffee and... |
| | 27 | 11:00 am | Adult Bible Study |

