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NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's Message

Our communities and country continue to be rocked by the mass shootings in our country. These hit close to home with the hate-filled shootings in Buffalo with the assailant coming from nearby Conklin, and the horrible shootings of children in Uvalde, Texas. These have become all too common in our country. Our hearts and prayers continue to go out to all those who are mourning and suffering from this violence.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matt 5:4)

This violence is an indictment of our society in the USA. Very similar to the indictment of Russia because of Putin's invasion and mass killing in Ukraine. Our struggle is that we cannot pinpoint an enemy to take out our anger upon, the enemy may be us as a society and our greed.

We as a community of faith have a part to play. We can complain about the state of our world, and the state of our country, or we can recognize our need to provide our community a place of safety and care for all people. We have God with us who comforts us in our sorrows, so that we can comfort others in their sorrow.

There are people in every community who are at the end of their rope, where they feel they have NO HOPE, no future, and they see no way forward. We are called to help people at this low point in their lives, no matter who they are. We are called to be with those who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death and help them to see the HOPE our Lord gives us. If we do not show the people of our world the HOPE we have, then they will not know it is there. All the people of our world need to know God loves them, cares for them, and will help them. We are God's hands and feet in this place, we are God's heart, we have God's power at work in us.

"You are the salt of the earth" (Matt 5:13)

"You are the light of the world." (Matt 5:14)

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"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." (Matt 5:43-45)

Between the tragedies in Buffalo and Uvalde there were 17 additional mass events, with 49 dead, 79 injured, and they have continued after Uvalde. We've had several recent shootings in our own community. Mass killing events are not even the main cause of loss of life from guns. The main cause of loss of life from guns is suicide.¹ I don't have a solution to end this violence. But we do have God's love, and we need to share God's love with those who are in desperate need.

¹ "How to Reduce Shootings," Nicholas Kristof, Graphics by Bill Marsh, NY Times, updated May 24, 2022

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Welcome to Spring!

By the time you read this the Bishop will have been to Redeemer for his visit, we hope we impress him and he impressed us. The usual projects of the Church are being handled. We are still waiting for parts to finish the Ritchie building roof. The entry door lock on Chapin Street has been replaced with a keyless deadbolt. This will help with the security of the building. Soon we will be working inside & outside to maintain the property. Hope everyone stays well and safe until next newsletter. Semiannual meeting be held May 8, 2022 after Church service (short meting)

Submitted By: Russ Pingrey, Council President

JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

LEADER

3rd Deacon Judy Mica Guerin
10th Pastor Jeffrey Bohan
17th Deacon Linda Martin
24th Pastor Jeffrey Bohan
31st Deacon Bobbie Krager

ASSISTANT

3rd Deacon Linda Martin
10th Deacon Bobbie Krager
17th Deacon Judy Mica Guerin
24th Deacon Linda Martin
31st Deacon Judy Mica Guerin

AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

LEADER

7th Deacon Judy Mica Guerin
14th Pastor Jeffrey Bohan
21st Deacon Linda Martin
28th Pastor Jeffrey Bohan

ASSISTANTS

7th Deacon Linda Martin
14th Deacon Bobbie Krager
21st Deacon Judy Mica Guerin
28th Deacon Linda Martin

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Clinton Krager
3rd Erin Wales
8th Patricia Stampfler
9th Eleanor Lupole
17th Tiffany Bixby
23rd Alfred Muss
28th Kimberly Loeffler
30th Barbara Hayden

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3rd Rich Watson
6th Martin McHale
9th Thomas Pekurny
10th Barb Duell
12th Susan Snow
18th Mia Hause
22nd George Yarnes
28th Eric Stampfler
29th Scott Bixby

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

8th Eric & Patricia Stampfler
24th Robert & Lynn Svarney
30th Tim & Sara

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

12th Bruce & Barb Hayden
26th Rich & Pat Watson

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Ed Conroy

Given By:

Bill & Phyllis Hinkley
Neil & Barb Rader
Joyce Darling
Jim & Cathieann Birtch
Sally Colburn & Edna M.Sylvia
Judy Mica Guerin
Ruth Fitzgerald
Patricia Griffin
Joseph F. & Mary L. Kille
Linda Merritt
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ross

Rich & Patricia Watson
Nancy Krager
Al & Anita Roggenbaum
Edith Houghtaling
Genegantslet Maple Products
Charles & Patricia O'Donnell
Joe Tomanek
Joan Muss
Cathy Muss
John & Marilyn Kavaller
Donald & Jean Segrue

In Memory of Jack Fitzgerald

Given By:

Judy Mica Guerin
Eric Corse & Family

In Memory of Vince Miceli

Given By:

Sigrid Bensen
Al & Anita Roggenbaum

In Memory of Christine Paul

Given By:

Sigrid Bensen &
The Paul Family

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Thank you to everyone for all the cards, phone calls and prayers during our families' sad time of Eddie's passing. They were very comforting to all of us. Doris Conroy & Family

PRAYER LIST

This Prayer list is provided to encourage the members and friends of Redeemer to be in constant prayer to God, and to remember the special needs of the people listed below in prayer during the week.

Tim Angell, Heather B, Stephanie B, Tom Bernardo,
Paul (Bear) Bentley, Dean Black, Jeanine Black, Jenni Brant,
Jordan Brundage, Doris Conroy, Ed Conroy, Mayla Conroy, Steve Conroy,
Patricia Conroy, Alexis Daniels, Antonio Daniels, Cathy Demaree,
Jack Ferguson, Joy Forbes, Noreen Fonnbeck, Michael G,
Carol Golembeski, Trudy Gray, Theresa Greenman, Joan Halligan,
Jeremy Harris, Kamdyn Hartung, Bernice Hill, Steven Houser, Angel Lair,
Caden Lair, Mark Loeffler, Ute Loeffler, Ravelly Mathurim, Joe Monforte,
Marguerite Monforte, John & Pat Moynihan, Kay Nearing, Russ Pingrey,
Neil & Barb Rader, Al Roggenbaum, Alice Rubin, Linda Scofield, Jim
Shear, Linda Ulrich, Patricia Watson, Margaret Whinton, John White, Rinny
White, Jeanette Wickham, George Yarnes, Gus Zandt, Annette, Peggy

Serving in the Military & Police

Damin Badger, Matthew Bialka, Collin Conroy, Jack Ferguson Jr.,
Seth Hatcher, Peter Jensen
Duncan Bedlion Washington DC Police

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JULY/AUGUST

OUTREACH

When was the last time you had the pleasure of savoring a root beer float?? Many of the folks we encountered during our June outreach activity were guessing how many years it had been.

The good Lord provided a lot of sunshine; a good crew of servants, and a lot of fun interacting with Redeemer's neighbors.

Fifty-two floats (or some adapted version) were handed out; fourteen Bibles are now in the hands of eager readers; numerous prayer cloths and brochures were also distributed. Most of all though, we met people. We heard stories; we engaged in friendly banter, and offered a listening ear and prayer for those in need. We had fun, working together in the hopes of laying groundwork for building relationships with our community.

The support of our Redeemer family is most appreciated. Besides the infectious enthusiasm of those helping, or joining in that day, much gratitude is extended to all contributing any way to this venture. You are the best!

Thank you!!

MORE TO FOLLOW!!

Hear ye!!! Hear ye!! Our next event will include strawberry shortcakes! The date will be announced, soon.

A sign-up sheet will be available for those willing to: either- contribute some shortcake shells (either the angel food cake kind, or biscuits- we plan to use both- offering a choice); strawberry topping (recipe is available for those needing one); whipped topping, or cool whip; bowls; plastic spoons.

Of course, helpers that day would be most welcome!

Whether it be behind the scenes, or out on the street- your help is appreciated, as Redeemer shares Christ's love, light and hope to all. Many thanks!!

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 5/8/22

A Congregational meeting was held on May 8, 2022, for the purpose of electing two members to the Congregational Council, and to amend the 2022 Budget.

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 AM by President Russ Pingrey. Twenty-two voting members were present; it was determined that a quorum was present.

Rev. Jeff Bohan opened the meeting with prayer.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of two candidates, Judy Mica-Guerin and Caden Lair, to serve on Congregational Council. Russ opened the floor for additional nominations. There being none, Linda Martin moved that the entire slate, as nominated, be approved. Mary Lou Rutkowski seconded. Carried.

The two reasons necessitating the amending of the budget were presented.:

Pastor Jeff Bohan has been extended, and accepted a three-quarter time call to Our Savior Lutheran Church, at Endwell, NY. He would continue as our quarter-time Pastor. Redeemer would submit a check monthly, to cover its portion of Pastor's salary and benefit package. Our Savior would be responsible for submitting full payment for his full- time salary and benefits. The arrangement results in a reduction of the cost to Redeemer, in the amount of \$4,555 for 2022.

In addition, our telephone and internet provider changed hands, resulting in increased charges. The new rate necessitated an \$880 increase to the telephone and internet budget line.

These changes result in a \$3, 245.00 reduction to the overall 2022 budget.

Judy Mica-Guerin moved to accept the 2022 amended budget. Kim Loeffler seconded. Approved 22-0.

Charles Houser indicated the Redeemer's revised Constitution has been reviewed, by Synod, and returned with suggested changes. Charles has completed the recommended changes to the document, which will be distributed to the congregation, for review. After at least a 30- day period, a Congregation meeting will be called, for the purpose of approving the constitution, as amended.

Bobbi Krager announced that Pastor Jeff, Judy Mica-Guerin and Bobbi Krager will be attending Synod assembly in early June. She reminded all that Synod is encouraging congregations to strive to donate \$500 to Synod's drive to combat World Hunger. There is a heightened need due to the war in Ukraine and the refugees fleeing the country. Bobbi opened for discussion the question that, if Redeemer did not receive \$500 from member donations, for that purpose, should we supplement the deficit from our Food pantry line. It was decided that whatever is raised for the campaign, from member contributions, is what we should send. Contributions made to our Food Pantry need to be used locally.

The next Council meeting will be the second Sunday in June.

There being no further business to discuss, Rich Watson moved to adjourn; Patricia Watson seconded. Approved very enthusiastically.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Martin, Secretary

New Council Officers

President Russ Pingrey
Vice President Ruthi Fitzgerald
Secretary Judy Mice Guerin
Non-Voting Treasurer Bill Hinkley

Members

Marylou Rutkowski
Inez Briggs
Charles Houser
Dave Bernardo

For security reasons, we will be installing electronic deadbolt door locks on the Office and Centennial room entry doors. If you need access to the church through either of these doors, please notify Alice by phone, 722-1029, or email Redeemer_Lutheran @hotmail.com.

**The newsletter can also be seen on our website <http://redeemberbgm.org>
If you would like the newsletter mailed to you instead of emailed please call Alice at 722-1029.**

All of our worship services are broadcast live on Facebook!

Please go to <http://facebook.com/redeemerbgm>, at 10:00 am Sunday, to view the live stream. If you miss worship, you can watch the complete service on YouTube or on our website, <http://redeemerbgm.org>.

Spread the Good News!