

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

## Pastor's Message

*"For in six  
days the  
LORD made  
heaven  
and earth,  
the sea,  
and all that  
is in them,  
but rested  
the  
seventh  
day;  
therefore  
the LORD  
blessed the  
Sabbath  
day and  
consecrate  
d it."*

*Exodus*

Recently a friend sent me an article he had read and thought it was very interesting and good, and after reading it I agreed. It was an article by a church "guru," who has spent his career after many years in the parish trying to help congregations and pastors keep focused on their ministry, and their callings rather than getting bogged down in the "we've always done it that way" syndrome that most of us get bogged down in from time to time.

This article, however, was a little different. In our society we are used to constantly doing things. People work at their jobs, careers, a lot. We do not get a lot of time off, and when we do we find ourselves "working" on our homes, doing laundry, shuttling children to/from this practice to that one. The "American" way is to DO. If you aren't doing, you are loafing. The way to get ahead is to DO. The problem with that is that when we focus ourselves on DOING all the time, we believe we are DOING it all on our own.

One of the quotes from Bill Easum's article was this, **"Jesus Was Always on Vacation: Leading from Freshness Rather Than from Frazzle."** As we know from our continued reading of Scripture Jesus was always trying to get away, taking time out, setting himself aside in the presence of God to be refreshed. Jesus understood the concept of Sabbath rest. He understood that, *"The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath."* (Mark 2:27)

As Easum points out even Jesus understood the concept that we need to be refreshed by God to DO. Without that refreshment we are just spinning our wheels, trying to DO on our own, and getting nowhere.

God, from the very beginning, has set up 14.286% (1/7) of our time for us to REST. Now this isn't our only rest time. This is one day out of seven to rest from ALL our DOING! A day when DOING is not at the top of our list, but instead we are called to BE. BEING instead of DOING means that we take time with God (usually that means worshipping, prayer, reading scripture, etc.). BEING instead of DOING means that we take time with our family, not DOING anything, not getting things DONE, but BEING together, having fun together, resting and relaxing together, building up our relationships with each other.

Our time of rest is for us to be refreshed by God's Spirit so that when we begin to DO again, we can be focused on Godly DOING rather than a pursuit after our own desires. When we fail to take that rest, when we fail to humble ourselves in God's resting arms, we lose that connection we have to the holy and life giving Spirit that is what truly gives us and our families' life. Let us realize that God is calling us to DO less, and BE more, so that what we DO DO is what God wants DONE!

**SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS**

3<sup>rd</sup> CALM Judy Mica Guerin  
 10<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jeffrey Bohan  
 1<sup>th</sup> CALM Linda Martin  
 24<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jeffrey Bohan

**ASSISTANT**

3<sup>rd</sup> CALM Linda Martin  
 10<sup>th</sup> CALM Bobbie Krager  
 17<sup>th</sup> CALM Judy Mica Guerin  
 24<sup>th</sup> CALM Bobbie Krager

**OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS**

1<sup>st</sup> CALM Judy Mica Guerin  
 8<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jeffrey Bohan  
 15<sup>th</sup> CALM Linda Martin  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Jeffrey Bohan  
 29<sup>th</sup> SAM Dave Banner

**ASSISTANT**

1<sup>st</sup> CALM Linda Martin  
 8<sup>th</sup> SAM Dave Banner  
 15<sup>th</sup> CALM Judy Mica Guerin  
 22<sup>nd</sup> CALM Linda Martin  
 29<sup>th</sup> CALM Linda Martin

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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

4<sup>th</sup> Don Duell  
 5<sup>th</sup> Alexander Muss  
 5<sup>th</sup> Tod Birtch  
 7<sup>th</sup> Charles Krager Jr.  
 13<sup>th</sup> Christine Marion  
 13<sup>th</sup> Bobby Ritter  
 16<sup>th</sup> Jeffrey Bohan  
 16<sup>th</sup> Angel Lair  
 17<sup>th</sup> Russ Pingrey  
 17<sup>th</sup> Christopher Marion  
 18<sup>th</sup> Adrian Skarvinko  
 19<sup>th</sup> Kathy McHale  
 20<sup>th</sup> Karen Monforte  
 21<sup>st</sup> Cecilia White  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Lewis  
 25<sup>th</sup> Madison Stampfler  
 29<sup>th</sup> Al Muss  
 30<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Muss

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

1<sup>st</sup> Tim Angell  
 1<sup>st</sup> Roseann Christaldi  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Anita Roggenbaum  
 4<sup>th</sup> Scott Bixby  
 4<sup>th</sup> Caden Lair  
 5<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Birtch  
 12<sup>th</sup> Olivia LaDue  
 16<sup>th</sup> David Bernardo  
 17<sup>th</sup> Hadar Shapiro  
 18<sup>th</sup> Marylou Rutkowski  
 18<sup>th</sup> Bruce Hayden  
 25<sup>th</sup> Toni Loeffler  
 28<sup>th</sup> Tiffany Bixby  
 31<sup>st</sup> Rinny White

**ANNIVERSARIES****SEPTEMBER**

25<sup>TH</sup>

Tod & Meg O'Donnell (Birtch)

**OCTOBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Dave & Christy Banne  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Russ & Bobbie Krager  
 4<sup>th</sup> Al & Anita Roggenbaum  
 5<sup>th</sup> Jimmy & Jeanie Birtch

## SCRIPTS

**As we have done SCRIPTS for the past 6 years and have done well with it. We have heard from a few people that they would like to do SCRIPTS again this year. So we will be doing it, so get ready to do your orders. Please reach out to Joyce Darling or Alice Zakrevsky**

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### **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 Angel	Jack Ferguson	John & Pat Moynihan
Heather B.	Noreen Fonnsbeck	Kay Nearing
Stephanie B.	Michael G.	Russ Pingrey
Tom Bernardo	Carol Golembeski	Barb Rader
Paul ( Bear) Bentley	Trudy Gray	Al Roggenbaum
Debra Bixby	Jeremy Harris	Linda Scofield
Dean Black	Kamdyn Hartung	Bob Scone
Jeanine Black	Bernice Hill	Linda Ulrich
Michael Bohan	Houser Family	Helga Vest
Jenni Brant	Wendy Joy	Patricia Watson
Jordan Brundage	Angel Lair	Margaret Whinton
Doris Conroy	Caden Lair	John White
Mayla Conroy	Barbara Lidestri	Rinny White
Steve Conroy	Toni Loeffler	Jeanette Wickham
Patricia Conroy	Ute Loeffler	George Yarnes
Alexis Daniels	Ravely Mathurim	Annette
Antonio Daniels	Joe Monforte	Patti F.
Cathy Demaree	Marguerite Monforte	Amy

Serving In the Military & Police

Damin Badger                      Jack Ferguson

Matthew Bialk                      Peter Jensen

Duncan Bedlion Washington DC Police

To add or delete from this please call Alice 204-0964

Or email **[redeemer\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:redeemer_lutheran@hotmail.com)**



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**1/2 Chicken -- \$8.50**  
**Chicken Dinner--\$12.00**

**Pre—Orders Only**  
**Orders Taken Until**  
**Noon September 6, 2023**  
**607-722-1029**

**CHICKEN BBQ AND BAKE SALE SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**  
**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 72 MAIN STREET BINGHAMTON**  
**(Donations of bake goods would be appreciated)**

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## **CHOW HUNGER WALK**

**Join us for the 41st annual**  
**Saturday September 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**At the Oakdale Mall**

BROOME COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**RAFFLES**  
**FAMILY FUN**  
**OUTDOOR GAMES**

**CHOW<sup>®</sup>**  
**HUNGER**  
**WALK**



**Dear Redeemer Members and Friends**  
**Important Message about RRF**

The Redeemer Renewal Fund or RRF loan has been paid off in full. In the year 2014, the Church took out a loan for the purpose of upgrading the inside and outside of the Church. These repairs were greatly needed for a long time. Yes the loan was a huge undertaking for a small Church but it was needed. The loan was started in 2014, ( it took a while to get everything in place). As of August 1, 2023 the entire loan plus interest was REPAID!!! It took Redeemer 7 years and 3 months, which means it was ahead of schedule!

Thank you all for your ongoing "FAITHFULNESS", and follow through on this project. Through God's provision and sacrifice of "Faithful" stewards in our community, Church members and friends, Redeemer once again has proven even though we are a small Church on the corner of Chapin we can accomplish much! To all who contributed to this fund, there are no words to say except, THANK YOU! RRF phase 2 has started, there will be a discussion at the fall coffee hour and a decision will be announced at the annual meeting in January 2024

Ruthi Fitzgerald, Chairlady Redeemer Renewal Fund

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**Redeemer Lutheran**  
**is showing Season 1 of**



**starting September 17, 2023**  
**in the Centennial Room**

Viewing starts at 12:10 pm

Sept. 17 - Episode 1 (54 min.) I Have Called You By Name  
Sept. 24 - Episode 2 (30 min.) Shabbat  
Oct. 1 - Episode 3, (30 min.) Jesus Loves the Little Children  
Oct. 8 - Episode 4 (48 min.) The Rock on Which it is Built  
Oct. 15 - Episode 5 (54 min) The Wedding Gift  
Oct. 22 - Episode 6 (51 min) Indescribable Compassion  
Oct. 29 - Episode 7 (37 min) Invitations  
Nov. 5 - Episode 8 (59 min) I Am He  
Nov 12 - Episode 9 (20 min) The Shepherd

***More information on the series is below:***

*The Chosen* is an American Christian historical drama television series created, directed and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1<sup>st</sup> century, the series centers on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with him.

While *The Chosen* pulls its characters, themes, and plot lines from the Bible, it is not a one-to-one comparison.

*The Chosen* stays true to the details that are in the text of the New Testament. Each episode takes artistic license to fill in the many blanks where the text does not go into detail, but this artistic license is all feasible considering the details that are provided.

### **Season 1:**

The first season is set in Galilee where Jesus starts to build a group for his ministry, inviting several people with different backgrounds. As he performs his first miracles, Jesus calls the redeemed woman Mary Magdalene; the stone mason Thaddeus; the choir member Little James; the fishermen Simon, Andrew, Big James and John; the caterer Thomas and vintner Ramah; and the tax collector Matthew to follow him. Jesus also meets with Nicodemus, a Pharisee who is perplexed by the acts of Jesus. The season culminates with the group traveling through Samaria, where Jesus launches his public ministry after revealing himself to Photina, a Samaritan woman.

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### **President Message**

**Finally we have good news for this article; the loan for RRF is paid off.**

**Ritchie building roof has been fixed we hope for good. The ceiling tiles have been purchased and are to be installed.**

**Our next endeavor will be our chicken BBQ on September 9, 2023. Please pre order by 3:00 p.m. on September 6, 2023 so we make sure we order enough chicken.**

**Other than regular maintenance no large projects are planned as most of the budget for building maintenance has been used.**

**Respectively Submitted**

**Russ Pingrey, Council President**

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### **OUTREACH SEPT/OCT 2023**

While our Sidewalk Ministry has been very limited during July and August, we hope to resume this Fall. We will soon meet and plan our activities for the next few months- especially with October coming up- and our almost annual- cider, donuts and Halloween candy event. As always, we welcome any assistance, and ideas!

Our Food ministries continue to be very active and needed. The many volunteers that help enable us to continue this ministry- are much appreciated. Many thanks to those who donate their time, energy and resources! It is very evident that the number of homeless individuals continues to rise and our efforts to provide food remain a priority.

However, while food for the stomach is important, we know that food for the soul remains our top mission. We have a new batch of Bibles that are looking to be caressed by warm hands. Anyone listening to the first presidential debate heard the call to ignite the flame of hope, morality, and a sense of community within our neighborhoods, and nation.

This is our continued purpose- to share Christ's love, Light, and hope to all.  
Can you help? Linda Martin

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.

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All of our worship services are broadcast live on Facebook!

Please go to <http://facebook.com/redeemberbgm>, 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://redeemberbgm.org>.

Spread the Good News!

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