



# **Dear Friends in Christ**

We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are a guest, we'd love to meet you, so please feel free to introduce yourself to the Pastor and congregation members.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing"

John 15:5

# **AS WE GATHER**

The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ's vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.



# **WEEKLY PRAYER**

Our weekly prayer gathering is EVERY TUESDAY MORNING from 7:15am-8:15am. Yes, it's early, but it's needed and is intentionally early for those who need to be at work. Come and spend an hour or any part of it with members of your Redeemer family in the chapel.

# PRAYER CHAIN

Redeemer's prayer chain numbers more than 70 people and our prayer support has been very fulfilling to families that need intercessory prayers on their behalf. We welcome prayer requests anytime day or night at:

# prayers@redeemerjackson.org

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, simply send your email address and name to the email address above and you can help those needing prayer support.

# **NEWS AND NOTES**

## PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS

Please pray for our confirmands and their families as they are confirmed today and for their walk with Christ in the future.

Brock Alan Potter-1 John 1:9

Hayden Christian McFarland—1 Peter 3:15

Laura Christine VanDerweide—Philippians 4:13

**Brennen Christopher Schnebelt**—John 11:25

## LAST DAY FOR CLASSES

This is just a reminder that the last day for Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will be May 23.

# FIRST FRUITS GROCERIES

First Fruits Mission: To provide healthy food at reduced prices for Jackson families & individuals. The First Fruits ministry has been helping others since June, 2012. We purchase only quality food from local suppliers. Our quality meat comes from Prime Cuts and the produce from Keyes Produce (both are very popular, Jackson suppliers. Please thank them!). Many local Christian church members volunteer their time and gas to get First Fruits food boxes delivered to those who are homebound or with limited transportation. The bargain is not just the low price, but the high quality. Healthy, Happy, Good Food for your body and your budget. There are no eligibility requirements, this is available to all. May's deadline to order by is 10:00am Friday, May 21, and the food pick up date is Saturday, May 29, between 8:30am-9:30am at 224 West Wilkins St. here in Jackson. Flyers with additional information are available in the Narthex on the table near the office.



# Vacation Bible School | June 21-23, 2021 | 6:00-7:45pm

Crew Roles Needed:		Crew Roles We'd Love to Have:	
Crafts	Plan and facilitate the themed games for all the kids during one evening of VBS. If supplies are needed, this person will organize donations or purchasing.  Facilitate themed craft for all the kids during one evening of VBS. If supplies are needed, this person will organize donations or purchasing.	Sunday Morning Announcements Skits	Prepare and lead written and verbal Sunday morning announcements to promote for kids to attend and recruit additional crew members. (In-advance role)  Act in daily skits during openings and/or closings.
STEM	Plan and facilitate themed science/STEM activity for all the kids during one evening of VBS. If supplies are needed, this person will organize donations or purchasing.	Snacks	Plan, prepare and distribute pre-packaged snacks that align with the theme daily. If supplies are needed, this person will organize donations or purchasing.
Music	Be up front and lead kids in song and dance during opening and closing each day.	Waiting Activities	Prepare and lead themed activities for children who complete daily activities early.
Bible Storyteller	Share God's Word in the Bible story each day.	Parent Resources	Curate and prepare a table of resources or prayer time that might be useful for parents of VBS children. (In-advance role)
Technology	Run the videos and other technology needs during the opening and closing each day.	Prayer Points	Write and submit the prayer focus areas for the congregation to be praying for this ministry every couple of weeks leading up to VBS. (In-advance role)
Registration	Collect and organize registration forms. Distribute t-shirts. Direct children to their groups/areas. Count offerings daily.	Writing team	Join in the writing of skits and one day of full materials for the VBS program. (In-advance role)
Group Leaders/ Helpers	Be responsible for a group of children. Lead them in participating in all activities.	Promotion	Create and distribute flyers and promotional information to the community. (In-advance role)

<sup>\*</sup>We need commitments for most roles by May 18. If you'd like to take on one or more of these important roles for VBS, please sign up at the table in the narthex.\*

# CALL COMMITTEE CORNER

- Summary of survey and Mission and Ministry Inventory compiled and submitted to President Maier to begin assembling a Call list.
- PRAYER NEEDS: Pray for wisdom and guidance for all involved in developing our call list.

redeemerjackson.org/news/pastoral-call-updates/

# **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

Date: May 22

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church,

Downtown Jackson

# **Donations Needed for Upcoming Events:**

**Laundry Detergent** 

Please place in bin in the narthex.

# **GIVING**

The offering plate will not be passed, there are two ways to support our ministries financially:

- •Give as you exit the sanctuary or
- Online at <u>redeemerjackson.org/give/</u>

## THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

#### MAY

### 2 TODAY

- Sunday Worship-8:00am
- Sunday School/Adult Bible Study-9:30am
- Sunday Worship-10:30am

#### MAY

#### **MONDAY**

• Women's Bible Study-10:00am

#### MAY

#### 4 TUESDAY

- Hour of Prayer-7:15am-8:15am
- Praise Team Rehearsal-7:00pm

#### MAY

#### 6 THURSDAY

- Chancel Meeting-10:00am
- Bethel Bible Study-6:30pm

#### MAY

#### 9 NEXT WEEK

- Sunday Worship w/Communion-8:00am
- Sunday School/Adult Bible Study-9:30am
- Sunday Worship w/Communion-10:30am

# **READINGS**

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:1-11

John 15:1-8

# WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED

FOR 2021 BUDGET

\$9,398.38

## **OFFERINGS RECEIVED 4/25/2021**

Budget-\$8,880.65 Non-Budget-\$0.00

Worship Service May 2, 2021

# **Sunday Worship**

# **Sunday Communion Schedule**

**Worship Services** 

Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays

8:00am and 10:30am

8:00am and 10:30am Service

#### **Children and Adult Bible Study Classes**

9:30am-10:15am

# **Receiving Communion**

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians11:28. "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." When you examine yourself before Communion, ask yourself these questions.

- 1. Have I confessed and repented of my sins?
- 2. Do I believe that the Blessed Sacrament I receive is the true Body and Blood of Jesus, in, with and under the elements of bread and wine?
- 3. Do I share in the confessional and doctrinal unity of this Christian Congregation?
- 4. Will I, with the Lord's help, amend my sinful life?

Please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to service if you have further questions.

# **Our Ministry Team**

**Pastor Carl Bassett, Intentional Interim** 

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#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday Friday

8:00am-4:00pm Office Closed - Remote work day-Available by appointment only

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