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REDEEMER REFLECTION

*From the
Intentional Interim
Pastor's Desk...
A Final Word To
Share*

by Reverend Carl Bassett,
Intentional Interim Pastor

Dear Family in Christ,

God's grace, love, and peace be with you as you prepare to enter a new and exciting phase in the life of Redeemer. Later this month, on September 19, the Reverend Zachary Holdorf will be installed as your new Senior Pastor! This signals the end of my time with you as Intentional Interim Pastor, effective September 15. My last time leading you in worship will be September 12, 9:30 a.m., at a combined communion service. As I conclude my active ministry among you, and return my Divine Call to you, the Lord of the Church has led me to share a few parting words:

I have been so richly blessed to have served you as Interim Pastor since May 1 of last year (first as Vacancy Pastor,



then as Intentional Interim). Most of all, I am incredibly grateful to our Heavenly Father for His abounding love and amazing grace, His eternal goodness and mercy for us, His Forever Family. I am deeply humbled and full of awe that He chose to connect us in such a very special way these past sixteen months.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your interim pastor—your lives have made a permanent impact on ours. We cherish your love, prayers, and support, and always will, and will NEVER forget the times we have shared, navigating the uncharted waters of a pandemic with our Mighty Lord leading, comforting, and strengthening us along the way, and especially the work we have accomplished together for our Awesome God! I only ask for your continued prayers and love, as I now “journey south” to our retirement home in Niles, Michigan, awaiting our Lord’s leading as my future serving Him continues to unfold. Hopefully, God will

allow our paths to cross once again,
this side of heaven!

Please allow me to close my pastoral
ministry among you with one of St.
Paul's great prayers for the church,
recorded in Ephesians 3:20-21:

*"Now to Him Who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to His power that is
at work within us, to Him be all glory in
the Church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and
ever! Amen!"*

With our very best wishes and
heartfelt love, may He richly bless all of
you now and forever more!

Pastor Carl and Lisa Bassett



😊 **Rummage Sale—Thursday-Saturday, August 26-28.** Thursday and Friday hours: 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Saturday hours: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon. Donations may be brought in beginning August 15.

😊 **Mondays, Women's Bible Study.** This Bible study meets on Monday mornings at **10:00 a.m.** in the large Connection classroom in the lower level, and also live online. Our present study of Nehemiah will continue through August 30.

😊 **Tuesdays, Ongoing: Women's Bible Study.** A new women's Bible study called *Jesus & Women*, will begin

on **Tuesdays, September 7 through October 19**, from **6:30—8:30 p.m.**

😊 **One Divine Worship Service on September 12** led by Pastor Carl



Bassett on his last official Sunday service as our Intentional Interim Pastor, followed by a Farewell "Good-Pie Party and Card Shower" for Pastor and Lisa.

😊 **Divine Worship Services on September 19 will be at:**
8:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship
9:15 a.m.—Sunday School/Bible Studies
10:30 a.m.—Contemporary Worship

😊 **Installation Service for Pastor Zachary Holdorf will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 19.** We welcome Pastor Zach and his family into our Redeemer family at this service, and accept him as our God-chosen called spiritual shepherd. There will be a dinner immediately following the

service. More information will be given in announcements and in the bulletin.

😊 **Saturday, September 25: *Mobile Food Pantry at Trinity.*** From 10:00—11:30 a.m. Ongoing event, the fourth Saturday of each month. Redeemer partners with Trinity in this outreach to serve the community. We need volunteers to be available from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Hope to see you there!

Community Giveaway Collection for September: Socks (Grab a tag off the clothesline in the narthex near the office)

😊 **Fall Classes**
Sunday School, Youth, and Adult Classes resume Sunday, September 19 at 9:15 a.m. Below is a list of ways you and your family can grow in God's Word each week at Redeemer.

Group	Location
Toddler & Parent Bible Story	Nursery, Main Level
Preschoolers	Outside Connection Room, Lower Level
Kindergarten-First Graders	Middle Room, Lower Level
Second-Fifth Graders	Across from Teen Room, Lower Level
Sixth-Twelfth Graders	Teen Room, Lower Level
Adult Class—Armored: Ephesians 6 & The Fight of Our Lives, with Craig Britton	Connection Room, Lower Level

Pastor Zach will begin teaching an adult class on November 7. More details to come.

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

by Andy Biegner

On Sunday September 12, Pastor Bassett will lead a single communion worship service at 9:30 a.m. with an informal gathering and card shower by the congregation after worship. Pastor Bassett has specifically requested a low-key gathering, so this is Redeemer's way to say our goodbyes to Pastor Bassett and Lisa in a heartfelt but simple way. More details will be shared as they are available.

On Sunday September 19, Pastor Walther will lead 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Pastor Zachary Holdorf will be installed as Senior Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church that afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Immediately after the installation



service, Redeemer will host a dinner for Pastor Holdorf and his family. More details to follow.

There are many more specifics to be worked out in the coming days and weeks. God's Holy Spirit has guided Pastor Holdorf and Redeemer throughout the Call process and will continue to lead us through this new beginning! Please continue to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY for Pastor Holdorf, his family, Trinity Lutheran Church in Wausau, and Redeemer!

If you have any questions, please contact Andy directly at 517-607-5969 or at mnavycrna@gmail.com

God's Blessings,

Andy Biegner
Redeemer Congregational Chairman
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Moving Help

The Holdorfs will need assistance unloading their moving truck on Tuesday, August 31. Anyone willing and able to help, please contact the office to receive details on time and location as soon as those are available.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY AND GIVEAWAY

The Mobile Food Pantry is a monthly event that takes place in front of the doors of Trinity Church in downtown Jackson. Each month Redeemer partners with Trinity to provide

essential food items for those in need in our community. Non-food specialty items are also offered to help fill additional personal needs, as we become aware of them. We are collecting **socks** for the **September** giveaway. This is one way we can help provide necessities to our community. **Please put your donated items in the provided bin in the narthex.**

The food items that we distribute are provided through Compassionate Ministries of Jackson County. This is a wonderful organization in the Jackson area, and more information can be found online at www.cmjackson.org/

If you'd like to volunteer and get involved with these ***fourth-Saturday-of-the-month*** opportunities to serve our community, please contact the church office at 517-750-3100.

Thank you all for being so generous with your donations.

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER

The *Reflection* newsletter is meant to reflect Jesus through our lives, into our community, and out into the world in which we live. The writing prompt for October is ***Fear***.



Our print media, and all other communication from and through Redeemer Lutheran Church, is designed

to *reflect* His light to a searching world. Send articles, information, and/or photos by the 15th of each month, to bennitt49@yahoo.com, to be included in the following month's newsletter. All submissions are appreciated and prayerfully considered.

FALLOW

by Kimber Walsh, CFLE

As God's children, we are called and equipped to produce. By the grace of God, we often do produce—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control among other things. But if we're honest, we know and admit that we aren't always producing and we certainly aren't always producing good things. We have fallow seasons as Christians. But there's a beautiful truth we often forget—God is with us in those seasons too.

God is with us in every season—the season of high yields, the fallow seasons, and every season that lands somewhere in the middle. God is patient. He never ever gives up on us.

"[The Lord] is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

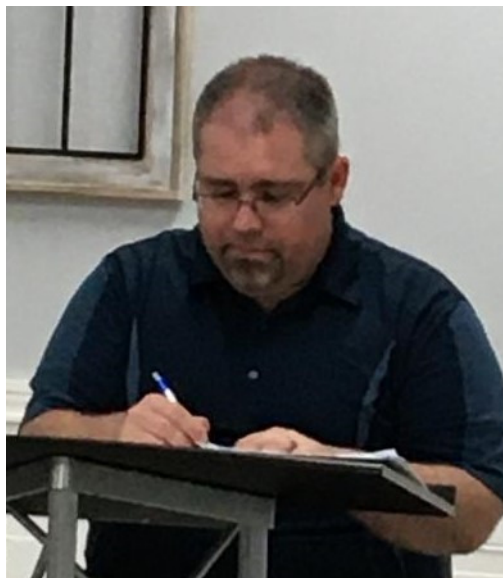
2 Peter 3:9b

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Redeemer extended a Divine Call to Reverend Zachary Holdorf of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wausau, Wisconsin, on July 25 after our voters prayerfully considered the candidate. On August 2, September Newsletter

2021, Reverend Holdorf accepted the Call from His Lord to serve Redeemer Congregation as our Pastor.

Praise the Lord!



We pray for his congregation, Trinity, as they lovingly release him and his family from their Call there, and commit him to the Holy Spirit's care and guidance with his new church family at Redeemer Jackson. Please continue to pray for our church, for Pastor Zach and his family, for their former congregation, and for our continued focus on following God's guidance in all we do here at Redeemer.

Sincere thanks and "a job well done" to the members of the Call Committee and their tireless commitment to following God's guidance throughout this process. Thank our Lord and Savior for His quick and amazing answer to our prayers, and pray for God's guidance for the Holdorf family as they search for a new home for a fresh start here in Jackson.

For ongoing updates on the status of Pastor Zach and family, and their impending move here, watch the

weekly bulletin and monthly *Reflection* newsletter for information.

If you have any questions about the Call Committee process, please contact the Call Committee Chairman, Andy Biegner, at mnnavycrna@gmail.com or 517-607-5969.



by Debbie Rockwell

St. Luke's Clinic is the beneficiary of the proceeds from Redeemer's Rummage Sale this year, held on August 26-28. The *Reflection* will have more information on this event in next month's newsletter.

CHRISTIAN CARE MINISTRY

by Nyla Arvy

The Christian Care Ministry continues to serve our Redeemer family in many ways. To achieve *purpose* in our Christian journey of serving in the church, we have opportunities for serving in the following areas:

- ♥ Overseeing and organizing funeral lunches
- ♥ Overseeing and organizing fifth Sunday potlucks
- ♥ Coordinating general use of the kitchen and surface cleaning
- ♥ Holiday food box collections and deliveries (Thanksgiving and Easter)

- ♥ Organizing meals for those convalescing at home

Ideally, one or two people for each of these areas should prove successful in sharing our work at Redeemer. Please contact the church office with your interest and for more details in each area of responsibility.

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord you labor not in vain."

I Corinthians 15:58

USE YOUR TALENTS

by Tim Hetzner, President / CEO of Lutheran Church Charities and author of WORD Bible Studies, used with permission.

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

1 Timothy 4:14

Luigi Tarisio was born in Italy in 1796. A collector of violins, he took great pride in scouting out rare finds, and purchasing only instruments of the finest quality. No one really knew about Tarisio's passion, however, until after he died. It was while his estate was being appraised that some 246 valuable violins were discovered in his attic! One of the most expensive, hidden in the drawer of an old dresser, was a Stradivarius he'd purchased from someone who had also bought it solely as a collector's item.

Commenting on the matter, Dr. W. Y. Fullerton, the gifted Baptist preacher, noted that in preserving the instrument Tarisio “had robbed the world of all that music.” And others before him had done the same. In fact, by the time the greatest Stradivarius in his collection was finally played, 147 years had elapsed! One psychologist said, “Don’t die with your music still inside you...Don’t get to the end of your life and say, ‘What if my whole life has been wrong?’”



God gave you gifts and He expects you to use them. If you wait until you can do it perfectly, you’ll never do it at all. Jesus said, *“You are the world’s seasoning, to make it tolerable. If you lose your flavor, what will happen to the world? And you yourselves will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the world’s light—a city on a hill, glowing in the night for all to see”* (Matthew 5:13-14).

Understand this: God will hold you accountable for discovering your talents, developing them to the fullest, and using them to glorify Him and bless others.

*Heavenly Father, help me to use what
You have gifted me with and not be
afraid of failures along the way—*

*knowing that You use those failures to
build and make me stronger.
In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

GOD’S PROMISES

by Nancy Bryant

If we have food in our bellies and
clothes on our backs
Then, my friend, there is nothing we
lack.

God’s promises never were that we
would have an easy path—
And God knows I’m now thankful that
I’m able to take a shower, not a bath.

God help us to appreciate what You
give us and be content.
You have built us a “mansion in
heaven,” so I needn’t be in debt.

The streets will be pure gold, and we’ll
never need a light.
It’s hard to humanly imagine, but trust
in You for insight.

JUST A THOUGHT

Gourmets claim that the true enjoyment of fine cuisine requires that you stop just when you would like to have a little bit more. In this way, the connoisseur maintains his interest. Everywhere [and in everything], knowing how to stop short of satiety helps you savor life and, more importantly, helps you be free.

~Eknath Easwaran~



Women's Bible Study

A new women's Bible study will begin on Tuesdays,

September 7-October 19, 6:30-8:30 pm called *Jesus & Women*. Join Biblical culturalist, Kristi McLelland, in a video study as she transports you back to Jesus' world, following in the footsteps of the women who came face-to-face with the Living God. Over 7 sessions, we will examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today. Please sign up in the narthex or contact the office so enough materials can be ordered.

CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER?

by Craig Britton

Not really. Do not panic. We have all heard of the more familiar "Christmas in July," which is attached to sales and preparations that get you into the mood or get you into your wallets several months in advance. But "Christmas in September" may be something new and only comes from the printing of this newsletter article for our issue in month number nine. I would like to share a few thoughts for what one might call a "Pre-Advent Advent."

Recently, in our house we have been anticipating the birth of grandbaby

number four. It is going to be our third grandson, and second born to our oldest Jeremiah and his wife, Dayna. Of course, Boppa and Nana are mighty excited, and we've been praying and planning, and yes, buying various goodies since the moment we were informed of the coming arrival. And then there is mom, who in carrying and nurturing the little one, has had a long 40-week trek to walk. Tick-tock. Tick-tock. Daddy "Miah" has his part, as does little Kyrie, who will soon be tagged "big brother."

All that to say, preparation takes time. We should all rejoice, truly rejoice, that the time-honored tradition



of an Advent season has not been washed away by more modern forms of Christian expression. Lutherans and others still hold this season of repentance and joyful waiting for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. I would like to advocate this year just making a few more preparations in a longer season of waiting, not to add to the "hustle and bustle" of an overly commercialized winter fest. But a real and relaxed addition to the true joy of the Christmas season.

Why? Well, back to our household. We have had months to plan for grandbaby #4. And we still cannot

believe that a C-section is, at this writing, less than a week away. But we have enjoyed the preparation and planning. Some of the joy is the waiting to meet our new little man for the first time. But honestly, some of the joy is experienced because of what we have known in our past as well. And which one of us doesn't have fond memories of past Advent/Christmas celebrations?

How might this early start to Advent begin for me or my family, you ask? Grab a hymnal when you enter the sanctuary and each week between now and the beginning of Advent, and read through an Advent or Christmas hymn or carol. During your Bible reading times, insert every so often, a portion or all of one of the birth narratives found in either Matthew or Luke's beloved Gospels. Read and reread them until they become familiar places of



meditation. And as the promise of a coming Redeemer begins long before His appearing among us, go back into the riches of the Old Testament to read of those promises and prophecies which fueled the faith of God's covenant people awaiting the "Consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25).

May I make one more suggestion? Begin with the most sublime of all songs of the Christmas season, inspired

by the Holy Spirit and first "recorded" by Mary the mother of our Lord, her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Pray through it and even lift your voice with her as she gives voice to perhaps the greatest and most holy joy a human being has ever experienced.

I'll leave you with some Old Testament Scripture references to start you on the way, but there are many places where our Lord has "hidden" Himself in His Word. Never be afraid to dig a bit deeper for true Advent/Christmas Joy.

Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3; 49: 9-12; Numbers 24:17a; 1 Samuel 2:1-10, cf. Luke 1:46-55; Isaiah 7:14, 9:1-7; 11:1-10; Micah 5:2; Malachi 3:1-4.

Yes, rejoice! Beginning in September.

FALLOW

by Peggy Bennitt

"Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce, but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow..."

Exodus 23:10 (NKJV)

When a farmer allows a field to "lie fallow" for a time, it may seem that a great resource (the land) is being wasted or neglected. In reality, by allowing the field to "rest" for a time, the farmer gives the precious land a chance to accumulate valuable nutrients and minerals that will enhance production and increase the quality of the acreage and the future produce from that land.

It's easy for soil to become depleted and useless when stripped bare of all its healthful properties through overuse. This is NOT God's plan for the land, nor for His people. Even Jesus took time from ministry to go off by Himself and talk to His Father. He replenished Himself through prayer.

But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

Luke 5:16 (NAS)

We are like fallow ground at times in our lives. When we feel dormant in the mission field, or unproductive and unused in our lives—fallow—we are still meant to absorb the nutrients of His Word and let the peace and favor of the Lord seep into our souls to nourish and build us up for whatever our Lord has planned next.

Remember that “fallow” does *NOT* mean unproductive. Even as we deal

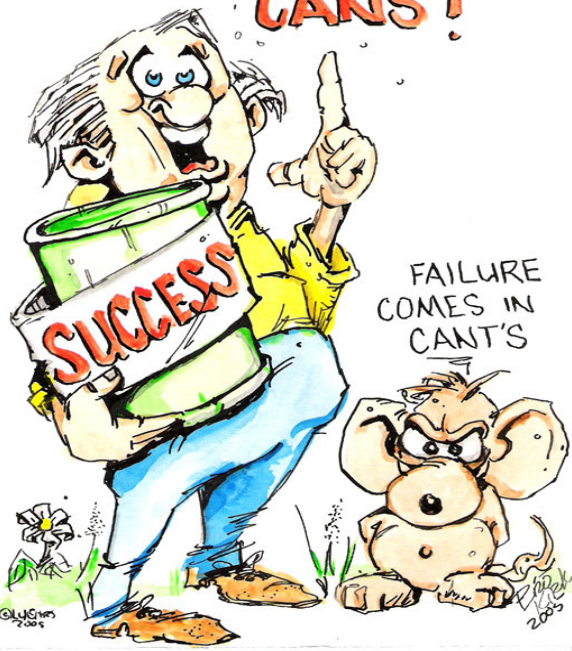
with the mundane realities of poor health or restricted finances or other physical or mental limitations, God still has a use for us or we wouldn't still be here. Do whatever you *CAN* do and don't worry about what you *CAN'T*.

Are you “laying fallow” right now? Maybe health issues have you homebound, or a job limits outside involvement for now. And for some of us, family is our mission focus right now, but we're feeling like “our fields are laying fallow” because we are not “out” doing God's work. Even as fallow ground is working to replenish and refresh itself, so we have seasons in our lives when God sets aside time for us to recharge and refresh ourselves. To make us richer in the nutrients that will give us more of His power to do His Kingdom work in a healthier and more richly beneficial soil, He may have us “lay fallow” for a period.



If you are in a “fallow time” right now, could it be that God is giving you this time to pray and allow the Holy Spirit to fill your fallow time with the nutrients of His wisdom and peace? Perhaps our Lord has a future opportunity planned where you will need His special wisdom to help someone through a similar situation. Or you'll be able to share the wonder of

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the strength and knowledge He is sharing with you now in your own “fallow time.”

Throughout my “fallow” periods, I have found my Lord in His Word, alive and well, willing and *well able* to speak to my heart through His Word and prayer. Once I remember to allow time to *hear* my Lord—allowing quiet time for *Him to speak* through the Spirit into my thoughts—then my prayer-time takes on a conversational connection all of its own.

When we realize that “fallow” also means “feeding” or “refreshing,” then we can appreciate, and maybe even *long for*, the fallow seasons that will allow us to open ourselves to be “filled and fed,” and so prepare us to be able to fill a future need yet unknown to us.

How wonderful that my “fallow phase” can prepare me for God’s use in the future, in unexpected ways. Thank You, Lord, for the fallow times that are also a gift from You!

4 DECISIONS YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE FOR YOUR KIDS

by Samantha Bailie. Retrieved from—
<https://www.imom.com/4-decisions-you-shouldnt-make-for-your-kids/>

Parenting is exhausting, right? I know it’s what we signed up for, but still—it’s a lot. Not only are we responsible for meeting our kids’ basic needs, but we also bear the weight of nurturing them and cultivating their independence. That’s a pretty big deal, so we often find ourselves making most (and sometimes *all*) of the decisions in their

lives. But there are some decisions you shouldn’t make for your kids.

Some of the choices we make for them affect more than just that singular moment in time. They may send a bigger message that undermines our children’s own ability to reason, discern, and assert themselves. So here are 4 decisions you shouldn’t make for your kids:

1. How Much to Eat

This isn’t about *what* to eat. Of course, we need to make sure our kids are eating balanced meals and not downing Pop Tarts for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. What we shouldn’t do is dictate *how much* they eat. *We should let our children decide how hungry they are and let them eat as much or as little as they need. This is tricky because kids and mealtime decisions don’t always revolve around hunger, *and we do need to step in when there is emotional eating.*



But when we tell them they have to eat regardless of hunger, we teach them to ignore the signals their brains send that tell them they’re full. And if they *are* hungry and we say they need to stop, we could send the message that food is bad. Our goal should be to teach them to listen to...their conscience, instinct, and even their tummies.

*Editor’s Note: This should not mean that your house becomes a café. Encouraging around-the-clock eating can be a trap for that previously mentioned emotional eating, or for binge eating and/or gluttony.

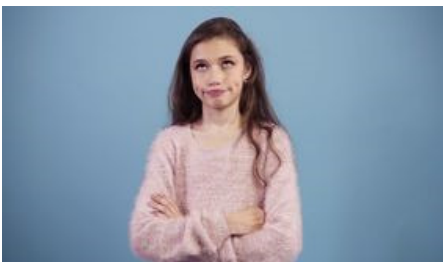
2. Who to Hug

...Sometimes it's okay to make your kid hug somebody, like when Grandma wants a hug but your kid resists because he'd rather keep playing his video game. But our children should never feel forced to give hugs or kisses to anyone.

When we make our kids show affection to people, we inadvertently send a message that they have to touch or be touched by whoever asks them for that—**conditions in which abuse can occur**. Let them choose who they wish to hug or kiss. We also may have to do some policing with people who nudge our children to be affectionate. [This too can be a thin line to walk, but necessary and well worth the effort for the safety and protection of all involved.]

3. What to Play With

Don't worry. I'm not advocating for letting them play with matches. I just mean we should let our children choose what toys to play with or what books to read and avoid pushing certain activities simply because they are what we like. Have you ever read a book



that was a childhood favorite of yours only to have your child seem completely

disinterested? Parents have to accept that what we love might not be what our kids love.

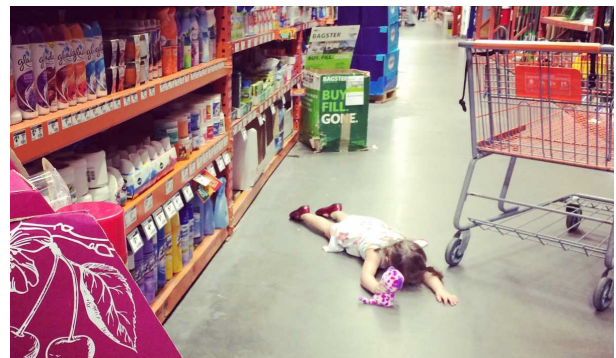
For parents of older children, this goes for hobbies and sports too. We may be tempted to have our child do all the things we enjoyed doing at their

ages, but we have to remember that our kids are their own persons and have a right to decide, ***within reason***, how they want to spend their free time.

4. How They Should Feel

Kids, especially younger ones, use their emotions to communicate. Although their feelings can seem theatrical—these emotions are completely rational to kids. They shouldn't be allowed to throw a tantrum in the middle of a grocery store...but allowing children to [properly] express their emotions tells them their feelings are worthy which, in turn, tells them they are worthy.

Parents of teens, this goes for you, too! Let your kids *feel* whatever it is they are feeling (angry, disappointed, sad). But remind them that even though they *feel* a certain way, they are still to *respect* you [and others] and



*express their emotions appropriately.

*Editor's Note: This means that you, as a parent, will have to teach them self-discipline, self-control, and what *is* appropriate expression and behavior. These life skills are necessary for everyone.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY



Reverend William Gatz was ordained into the pastoral ministry in the summer of 1961. He served as Redeemer's Senior Pastor from 1977-1996.

Throughout his ministry here

and after his retirement, he has given much time and energy to prayer ministry and in the support of various ministry programs of the Michigan District. We give thanks to God for His servant, Pastor Gatz, and his many years of ministry to God's Kingdom!



Christ, may we always remember that this is a trust to us from Him. He has given this, His church, into our hands as His faithful stewards in this time and in this place.



Redeemer's history is not just a record of a church building and its renovations and expansions; it is a history of a people, a family of believers, and a celebration of their journey together toward one goal: home—our heavenly home with Jesus. Our history shows a people dedicated to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). Sharing the Good News with those around us and supporting missions, we work together...*Loving People To Christ.*

REDEEMER IS 60 YEARS OLD

September 24, 1961, Redeemer received its charter as a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. On that date, Redeemer numbered 45 charter communicant members and 77 charter baptized members.

As Redeemer continues to grow and evolve, as our history continues with grace from our Lord and Savior, Jesus





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kimber Walsh	09/02
Everitt Bastien	09/03
Monica VanDerWeide	09/04
Lisa Bassett	09/05
Cassandra Lockwood	09/07
Cecil Lanphear	09/08
Steven Rauscher	09/08
Jan Bastien	09/09
Abigayle Challendar	09/12
Katherine Albertson	09/14
Steve Alcenius	09/14
Judy Clouse	09/17
Caleb Bahr	09/18
Cindi Byrd	09/19
Josh Brandt	09/20
Sue Simonsen	09/22
Carole Varney	09/23
Ronald Kane	09/28
Beverly Wisniach	09/28
Morgan Brandt	09/29



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Fran Althouse 09/03/1966

CARING AND SHARING

Redeemer members have been busy in recent months assisting other members in the "Meal-a-Month" program and

utilizing the newly established "Greeting Card" Outreach.

The "once a month" meal has been very well received and has provided opportunity for shut-ins to interact with Redeemer friends in their home setting. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



The greeting card file is also located on the table in the narthex and is available for Redeemer members to



select cards and mail to those on the monthly birthday and/or anniversary lists, or to individuals listed on a separate sheet that are on our prayer list. Please consider mailing a card even if you don't really know a person. Greeting card wishes are *always* a blessing and a nice surprise!

PRAYER FOR THE MOMENT

Lord, help me to refrain from overindulgence of any kind. I don't want to have any gaping holes of unrestraint in my character, and yet I find myself vulnerable in some areas of my life. Forgive my failings regardless of how recent they may be, and help me not to dwell on them. I will embrace this day with a fresh opportunity to live free of excesses while focusing on You.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div><div>2021</div><div>September</div><div>Communion Service-C</div></div>			1	2	3	4
5 8:00 a.m. Divine Service 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service	6  <div>LABOR DAY</div>	7 Hour of Prayer 7:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m.	8 Quilters 9:30 a.m.	9 Chancel 4:30 p.m.	10	11
12 Divine Service— C 9:30 a.m. "Good-Pie" Party and Card Shower Farewell for Pastor Bassett and Lisa following the Service	13	14 Hour of Prayer 7:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m.	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 LWML—Women of Redeemer 10:00 a.m.	17	18
19 Divine Service 8:00 a.m. Adult & Children-Bible Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m. Contemporary Service—10:30 a.m. Installation Service new Pastor 4:00 p.m., Dinner to follow	20	21 Hour of Prayer 7:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m.	22 Quilters 9:30 a.m.	23	24	25 Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity 10:00-11:30 a.m. Need Volunteers from 9 'til Noon
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