

Dear friends,

In late August I sat down with a stack of blank monthly calendar pages for the 2022-2023 school year. With a box of freshly-sharpened colored pencils at the ready, I added color-coded entries from my personal calendar, the Noah's Ark preschool calendar, the Growing in God calendar, the worship schedule, and the Steelers schedule, so that I could begin to plan for Confirmation and other youth activities this year.

As school and other activities resume, perhaps you, too, have begun to fill in your calendar. It may be that you are eager to get back to a more "normal" schedule - perhaps the structure of the fall schedule lends a sense of order to your life; maybe you're excited to see friends and catch up after a busy summer of everyone going a million different directions; maybe you look forward to cooler temperatures and the beauty of the fall foliage.

For others, it may be that the slower pace of summer was much needed, and you already feel overwhelmed by everything that's coming. Or maybe this is the first September after a big life shift (empty nest, or retirement, or an unexpected illness or injury, or a death in the family), and for the first time in a long time you're *not* filling your calendar with all the things.

As I added color after color to my calendar, wondering how I could fit everything in, I paused to take a breath and recall these words from Psalm 46: "Be still, and know that I am God!" Whether we are feeling excited or overwhelmed, full of grief or full of joy, we trust that we belong to God. God promises to be with us always, and offers us a place of stillness and rest, compassion and comfort, encouragement and grounding. As you prepare for the new season ahead, cling tightly to these promises - not as one more thing to do, but as needed grace for each day.

The changing calendar means that we're also making shifts in our schedule here at Our Redeemer. After a few more Sundays together in one worship service, we'll move back into our 9am and 11am worship schedule on September 18. Growing in God will resume that day, too, with classes for kids age 3 through 12th grade. Choir practice will pick up again on Wednesday, September 7, and the Sunday morning adult study will begin on September 25. We are excited to see you, hear about your summer adventures, support you through your life changes, and continue learning and growing together!

Blessings,

Pastor Kerri



WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP



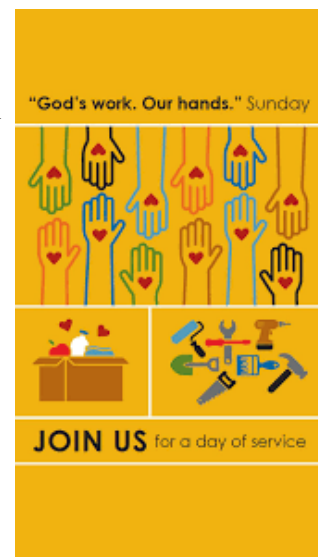
Sept 3/4 On Labor Day weekend our worship includes a “Litany for those who Labor.” In the 1500s, the Church placed very little value on the work of everyday people, claiming that only those in religious vocations did work pleasing to God. Martin Luther challenged that way of thinking, writing that all people can serve God and God’s world through the work they do each day.

Sept 10/11 ELCA Day of Service. God’s Work. Our Hands. Be sure to bring your kids to worship this weekend. During worship we will be packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief. See the list of supplies needed on page 5. Please bring in your donations by September 6.

The church picnic will immediately follow the Sunday 10:00 worship service. Plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

**We return to our Fall Worship Schedule Sept 17/18.
Saturdays at 5:30, Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00.**

Sept 17/18 It’s Bible Sunday and “Growing In God” Sunday School begins. Three-year-olds will receive their Bible storybooks when they and their parents visit their Sunday School class in the upstairs preschool room. Third graders receive their Bibles at worship services Saturday and Sunday. Teachers and students will be blessed at all worship services.



CHOIR



**Do you like to sing?
Would you like to learn how to sing?
Then the choir is the place for you!
Practice is on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
beginning September 7.
The choir needs new voices to join us.**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Growing in God – Growing in God classes will begin on Sunday, September 18. Classes are available for kids age 3-kindergarten, 1st-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade, and 7th-12th grade.

Crossroads Confirmation – Crossroads Confirmation classes will be held once per month beginning Sunday, October 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm. New students and a parent/guardian should plan to attend an introductory meeting with Pastor Kerri on Sunday, September 25 at 10:00 am.

VBS follow-up – We hope you've found ways to "make waves" this summer by sharing God's love. During VBS, one way we were "making waves" in the world was by collecting money for water filters through ELCA Good Gifts. Our VBS offering combined with additional gifts from the congregation totaled \$600, enough for 20 water filters! Wow! Thank you for your generous gifts.

First Communion classes – Save the date! Preparation for First Communion will take place October 12, 19, and 26, with recognition in worship on Sunday, October 30. Information letters will be sent to families of second graders, though some students are ready a year earlier. Talk to Pastor Kerri or Pastor Schmid if you have questions or would like your student to be included this fall.

Sunday Morning Adult Study begins September 25

After taking the summer off, our Sunday morning adult class starts back up on September 25, 10:00-10:40. We'll be considering a very timely topic - What does it mean to be a church active in mission and service? As we move out of full pandemic mode, and resume old ministries and consider new areas of service, we'll explore what the Bible says about the early church, especially as that history is told in the book of Acts. Join us every week or as your schedule permits.

Bible Sunday, September 17-18

Every year, as a new school year begins, we give storybook Bibles to our three-year-olds and Bibles to our 3rd graders.

Our three-year-olds get their Bible storybook from their Growing in God teacher when they visit their classroom in the upstairs preschool room. Mom, Dad, or another loving adult is welcome to stay that week or any week. If your child is older, but not yet third grade, we've got a Bible storybook for them, too. Just see one of the pastors or the upstairs teacher.

Third graders receive their Bible during any of the three worship services. Parent(s) come forward with their child, and the Bible is given to them. They then give the Bible to their child, fulfilling the promise made at baptism to place the Bible in their child's hands.

Inquirer's Class, September 25

There will be an Inquirer's Class on Sunday, September 25, 1:00-3:00, for people who are interested in joining Our Redeemer, or who just want to find out more about Lutherans and this congregation. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office, by emailing the church office at orlc@comcast.net or our website at www.OurRedeemer-peters.org/links.



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Playground Picnic – Pack up your dinner and a picnic blanket or chairs and bring the whole family for fun, conversation, and fellowship on the playground at Our Redeemer! We'll gather at 5:30pm on Friday, September 9, weather permitting.



S'mores & Lawn Games – 7th-12th graders are invited to join Pastor Kerri for s'mores and lawn games on Sunday, September 18 at 7pm.

Sign up on the bulletin board or [online](#).



FELLOWSHIP

Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic returns on September 11 following the 10:00 AM worship. We hope that you will join us for a delicious meal and an afternoon of fellowship. The church will provide hot dogs and sloppy joes. If you can contribute to the meal, please sign up on the bulletin board at church or through the church's [website](#). Also sign up to attend. Can't wait to see you!



SERVICE & SOCIAL MINISTRY



City Mission Tour

Pastor Kerri along with Wade, Barb Schumacher and John and Nancy Till recently toured the City Mission in Washington. The items in the photo are the kind donations from all of you. Thank You!

Mission Urgent Needs (New items only please)

Men's Shelter

- Men's White T-shirts, Sizes L/XL and 2X
- Men's (Soft Waistband) Knit Boxer Underwear, Sizes L - 2X

Single Women's Shelter

- Cotton Underwear, Sizes Med-XL
- Cotton/Polyester/Spandex Sports Bras, Size Med
- Dental Floss
- Shower Mesh Body Sponge (Fluffs)

Ongoing Urgent Need FOR ALL SHELTERS

- Twin Sheets
- Towels and Wash Clothes

Samaritan Care Community Center

- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Chef Boyardee
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

(Any donation of non-perishable food is accepted and appreciated.)

Donations can be placed in the containers in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Kubincanek at 724-222-8530 x282 or by email at skubincanek@citymission.org.

SERVICE & SOCIAL MINISTRY, CONTINUED

City Mission Needs Volunteers

Currently, their most urgent volunteer needs are help in their Thrift Stores, at their warehouse and in the childcare center at their Women with Children Shelter. If you are interested in volunteering at the Mission, visit their website: <https://www.citymission.org/ways-to-help/volunteer>. You can complete the volunteer application online and Jason Johnson the Volunteer Manager will get back to you.

City Mission Upcoming Events

Hits for the Homeless, Thursday, September 8
WCCF Gives Day of Giving, Thursday, September 15
Celebrate Success, Thursday, November 10

Family Promise of Southwestern Pennsylvania

Family Promise is planning to resume hosting families in the Crafton Day Center. To support them, they have two fundraisers coming up this fall:

Miniature Golf Tournament (family oriented) at Discovery Church in Mars – September 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM (They have a 27-hole miniature golf course, an outdoor fire pit and an indoor playground.)

Annual fundraiser at Wigle Whiskey in the Strip District during Family Promise week – October 20, 2022 at 7 PM

As always, volunteers are needed, whether to help in the Day Center or provide support at a hosting church. For more information, please feel free to call their office at 412-921-2916.

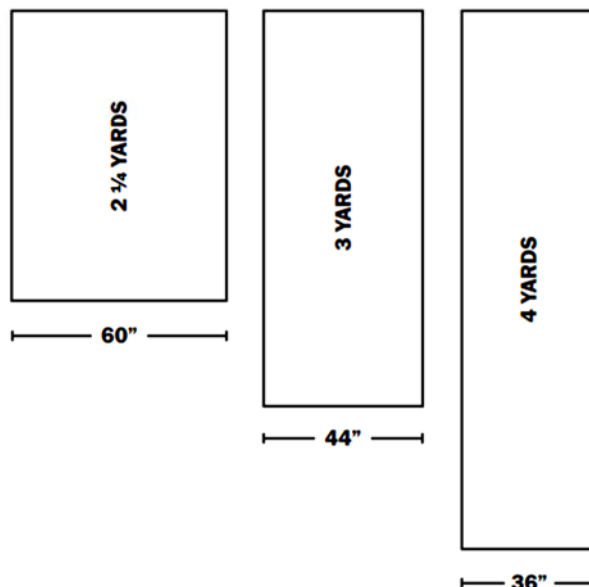
ELCA Day of Service

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE** pencil sharpener
- ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE** 2 ½" eraser

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH FABRIC KIT

- TWO** spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- TWO** pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:
 - 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric



You do not need to purchase everything needed to complete a kit. Any donation on the list will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the narthex, in the container labeled "Day of Service."

IN OUR PRAYERS

We lift up the following members of our congregation so that they may be strengthened by our prayers of intercession:

George Andrewson, Peggy Barczak, Edith Bencic, Cindy Cox, Patti Day, Dorothy Dillemoth, Kerri Evans, Martha Fecher, Ray Hrabar, Mandy Jarosh, Casey Moran on his deployment, Tim Roberts, Kathy Russman, Sue Russo, Jim Tomamichel and Beverly Wilson.

We remember those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers:

Chris, Doug, Kate, Sam, George Andrewson Sr., Marjorie Appleton, Larry Arch, Sandi Babbie, Bob Bell, Tam Brister, Todd Brosky, Wendy Brosky, Mary Burik, Doug Bush, Tom Caley, Cindy Culp, Carolyn Dagg, Harry Davison, Niki Day, D. T. Emery, Richard Gajdowski, Catie Geory, Ian Gonzalez, Lisa Grimes, Christine Guerrieri, Ed Handshue, George Hildebrand, Bob Hohowski, Joyce Hough, Ray Keisling, June Lance, Gordon and Diane Ley, Jess Ley, Steve Lombardi, Mildred Maize, Paul McKosky, Jolie Mihalik, Chuck Miller, Owen Miller, Adam Miskow, Dolores Munsick, Beth Napolitano, Marjorie Norton, Kathy Oberle, Tracey Perles, Dave Provenzano, Cyndi Quinn, Phyllis Rhone, Betty and Frank Rively, Jeanie Rose, Dave Schrader, Meryl Severson, Bob Shader, Holly Shader, Karol Smith, Bernie Solo, Donna Stafford, Dan Stimmel, Gary Stinson, Andrew Straka, Terri Strawn, Tina Thielet, Deb Thompson, Barb Van Lehn, Art W., Brent Wadzita, Rhianna Wilk, Bucky Williams and Frank Yocca.

We remember those who grieve:

Ginny Mickitsch on the death of her brother-in-law, Mark Dubich and the family and friends of Matt Boice.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please submit your request in writing and place in the offering plate, drop off in the church office, or submit by e-mail to orlc@comcast.net. Please help to keep this list current by contacting the church office when someone can be removed from the list.

MEMBER NEWS

Thank You

Dear ORLC Friends,

We'd like to express our gratitude for the kind thoughts, prayers and support we've received during Terry's illness and eventual passing.

To everyone who attended his visitation and service, sang in the choir, set up for or cleaned up after the reception, sent a card or called, we thank you.

Terry loved his church family, and you clearly demonstrated why.

Barbara, Terry Alan, Elaine and family

Blessings In A Backpack Thank You

Dear Friends of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Although belated I do want you to know how much we appreciate your generous donation of \$186* sent in May, 2022. As you know the need goes on and on. I am anticipating more children will benefit from our program in the fall due to the economy. The children of Ringgold Elementary School North have been lucky to have Dani Mizia, a member of your church, in charge for the last few years. Her energy and enthusiasm has been infectious. She has attracted a lot of help as a result. We are grateful for her.

Our sincere thanks to you for your continued support both monetarily and with food items.

Louise Carmichael
Chairperson

**Growing in God offering*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE/SEPTEMBER 2022

	September 4, 2022	September 11, 2022	September 18, 2022		September 25, 2022	
		God's Work. Our Hands.				
WORSHIP LEADER	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Lay Assistant	Jennifer Hewitt	Laura Culp	Ken Rigby	Sally Ruppel	Mark Harris	Max Rush
Lector	Randy Stonemark	Sara Secrist	Dianne Rigby	Heather Morelli	Garrett Langley	Lalitha Rajakumar
Communion Assistant	Missy Bookhammer	Barb Hrabar	Jackie Beck	Rochelle Koerbel	Carole Beltz	Jamie Carulli
Communion Assistant	Linda Nickles	Sue Lambert	Kim Chupinka	Ruth Ann Lowery	Tina Borra	Suzanne Kennedy
Communion Assistant	Debbie Stonemark	Becky Long	Cheryl Debowski	Soheila Lunney	Debbie Healey Langley	Kim Maize
Communion Assistant	Nancy Till	Beth Pansino	Susan O'Brien	Carl Ruppel	Barb Schumacher	Christina Mann
Greeter	Linda Nickles	Sara Secrist	Kim Chupinka	Ruth Ann Lowery	Barb and Fred Smith	Lalitha Rajakumar
Usher	Drew Lance	Dave Borra	Mike Debowski	Jim Doughty	Joel Beltz	Doug Meley
Usher	Karla Lance	Doug Meley	John Yocca	Mike Koerbel	Clint Langley	Charles Rajakumar
Gift Bearer	Missy Bookhammer	Tina Borra	Mohylyn Yocca	Ruth Ann Lowery	Carole Beltz	Lalitha Rajakumar
Altar Guild	Joyce Kilgore	Sue Lambert	Kim Chupinka	Heather Morelli	Tina Borra	Joyce Kilgore
Altar Guild	Dani Mizia	Becky Long	Becky Long	Sally Ruppel	Laura Culp	Sally Ruppel
PowerPoint	Gary Milavec	Rolf Otterness	Ryan Hettinger	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jennifer Hewitt	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Camera	Lori Greene	Rolf Otterness	X	Rolf Otterness	X	Rolf Otterness
Head Teller (Monday)	Teller, Tuesday 9/6- Gary Milavec	Judy Pilof	Barb Schumacher		Judy Pilof	
Council Teller (Monday)	Teller, Tuesday 9/6- Charles Rajakumar	Terry Divelbliss	Sue Lambert		Larry Day	

If you find that you are not available when scheduled, please contact the church office.
X-Not Needed

STEWARDSHIP ~ HOW ARE WE DOING?

Year to Date as of July 2022

	This Year			Last Year		
	Current	Building	Total	Current	Building	Total
Income		\$34,375	\$312,102	\$265,784	\$30,725	\$296,509
Expenses	\$269,162		\$269,162			\$247,446
Surplus (deficit)	\$8,565	\$34,375	\$42,940	\$265,784	\$30,725	\$49,063
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Other Outreach Offerings Year to Date

Abiding Missions	\$860
City Mission Food Pantry	\$808
ELCA World Hunger	\$3,005
ELCA Disaster Relief	\$2,070
India Mission	\$289
Lutheran World Relief	\$270
	\$7,297

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30 PM, SATURDAY and 10:00 AM SUNDAY (livestreamed)

Beginning September 18: 5:30 PM, SATURDAY and 9:00 and 11:00 AM SUNDAY
11:00 AM will be livestreamed

Online services are available through [facebook.com/ORLutheran](https://www.facebook.com/ORLutheran), YouTube
and the church's website.

GROWING IN GOD (Sept. - May), 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults
(Beginning September 18)

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OUR VISION

The vision of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is to be a welcoming church where people of all ages and backgrounds will encounter God in worship, experience Christian community, discover their God-given gifts, grow in faith, and be equipped for service and witness as we are sent out into God's world.