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COVER: We are truly a blessed community. Thanks to Nancy Oldenkamp and Jonath Ochs for putting together the new Photo Directory.

INSIDE COVER: Pastor Gretchen sings a song she wrote for Nancy Oldenkamp's retirement from the staff as Welcoming Minister.



Our community, our calling.



- Katherine Hawks, Pastor
- Gretchen Mertes, Pastor
- Karen Lee, Traditional Worship & Music Director
- Don Boelter, Parish Administrator
- Nancy Oldenkamp, Welcome Minister
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FROM THE PASTOR...



*"¹¹ for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.*

*¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come."*

-Song of Songs, Chapter 2

Summer in the northern hemisphere is "Ordinary Time" in the church calendar, from Pentecost in Spring until the Reformation in fall. There is something so life-giving about changing gears, changing seasons, and changing habits. We will celebrate no major festivals, feast days, saints or celebrations until All Saint's Day in November. This is a time of simpler liturgy, shorter prayers, and lighter musical loads. As a pastor, I absolutely love the big important holidays and seasons, but when Ordinary Time arrives, I am ridiculously grateful for the season to recharge and breathe in the summer zephyrs.

This summer, for ordinary time, we are recharging the batteries around Our Redeemer's as well. There are trips and fun events like Holden, Confirmation Camp, and Vacation Bible School. There are fun festivals like Art in the Garden. But just to mix it all up, we are also shifting the worship rhythm of the week.

For many of us, the weekends are filled with getaways and boating, enjoying the northwest and the balmy weather. To match that plan, on Sundays we'll have just one service at 10am with special music gifts from many different members of the congregation. Then on Wednesdays, we'll bring a take-out/picnic meal to the fellowship hall, and throw open all the windows and doors to bring the outside in, and enjoy an "unplugged" service of song and story. We might even take it over to Sunset Hill Park one night, just for fun!

The pace of a Pacific Northwest summer is laid back, savoring every moment. Whether its on Sundays at 10am or Wednesday evenings, we hope that you can recharge and connect in new ways at worship as well!



Pastor Gretchen

BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION!



July 2018 Vision-Aligned Building (VAB) Update

Our VAB Team continued to meet on a weekly basis through the month of June and presented an update to the Congregation on its work to date in 2018 at the Annual Congregational meeting on June 18.

Facing the unexpected prospect of at least an additional \$1.5 million to bring our facility up to the City of Seattle codes for earthquake, fire, and accessibility due to the cost and scope of our project, the way forward has not been easy to discern, with many variables, benefits, costs and risks to our mission to our finances and to our ability to connect positively with our wider community. These have had a huge impact on our congregation's ability to thrive in the future, so our congregation's patience and support as

they work to find the best solutions—financially and for our vision is much appreciated.

Once the team has reached consensus on an approach, we will schedule a Congregational informational meeting to address how to move forward in light of the financial challenges the Substantial Alteration determination presents. Don Boelter, Parish Administrator (administrator@ourredeemers.net, 206-783-7900 x107) will continue to provide updates to the Church Council at its monthly meetings and to the Congregation via the monthly The Visitor and fellowship hall bulletin board space.

Questions, concerns, and comments can be sent to the VAB Team through Don at the above email address, or directly to any of the other members of the VAB Team: Mike Hlastala, Pastor Kathy Hawks, Jim Arnold, Ryan Mertes, Kirsten Malone, and Guy Michaelsen.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Summer Worship Schedule

This summer, we are shifting our worship schedule to:

ONE SERVICE on Sundays at 10am,
&
ONE SERVICE on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SUNDAYS - 10am
Starting July 1, join us in the sanctuary as we praise God through traditional liturgy. Featuring the varied music gifts of our congregation, each week will bring special music from varied instruments & voices, and people of all ages.

INFORMAL WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS - 6pm
Starting July 11, bring your picnic dinner at 6:00 p.m., and stay for worship with our Informal Ensemble starting at 6:30 p.m. We will be celebrating communion every week, and have the same sermon & readings from our pastors Kathy & Gretchen from Sunday. Family friendly and fun! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, with doors and windows open!

Centering Prayer

Thursdays, 6-6:30pm

*A quiet pause in your busy life.
No experience necessary.
ALL ARE WELCOME*

Guest Preacher July 29: Chaplain from Columbia Lutheran Home

Well-known to former Calvary Lutheran members

Pastor Mary Lindberg has served many congregations in the Ballard area, including serving Calvary Lutheran as an interim pastor for a number of months. Folks at Our Redeemer's may remember her and her family joining us here the year after she left the Children and Family Ministry at Phinney Ridge Lutheran. She was a Sunday School teacher.. Now she is the chaplain at Columbia Lutheran Home, and this summer, she is graciously preaching as a gift from the Home and as a way to strengthen the ties we have with this long-standing partner in ministry

She will join us on Sunday, July 29. Because this is a fifth Sunday of the month, this will also be a healing service.

DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY THAT?!

A summer sermon series beginning July 1

No matter how many times you hear them, some passages of scripture, some stories and sayings, just don't sit well. They confuse. Or upset. Or contradict what you thought you knew about God or Jesus or faith.

So, in response to Pastor Gretchen and Pastor Kathy's request, you told us what some of those passages are....and we have designed a sermon series about what to do with them. Or NOT do with them. And in every case, we'll look at them through the lens of God's grace, to see what effect that has.

We'll start at the beginning of the Bible, and work our way into the New Testament. That will give us helpful historical and cultural background to build on.

Here's our tentative schedule:

July 1: (NO WEDNESDAY 7/4 WORSHIP) *What's the point of Biblical creation?*

All creation was formed in 6 days? And all humanity is from only two people?

Genesis 1-3 Hmmm... REALLY??

July 8 and 11: *Why do women get such a bad rap in the Bible?*

I shall give you intense pain in childbearing..... to God's comparing Israel to a whore who is punished abusively.. toWives, be subject to your husband.

Genesis 3, Ezekiel 16, Colossians 3. Hmmm.... REALLY??

July 15 and 18: *Giants and angels and dragons in scripture?! Oh, MY!!*

Sons of God, looking at the women...had children by them.... Giants were born there....

Genesis 6; Baruch 3. Hmmm...REALLY??

July 22: *VBS Sunday ~ What is God's Heart for Us?*

Wednesday July 25: *Can Communion be bad for the body? Which body?*

For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

I Corinthians 11. Hmmm...REALLY??

July 29: *Pastor Mary Lindberg, Columbia Lutheran Home chaplain, preaches. Healing service.*

Wednesday, August 1: *What does the Bible say about healing?*

Intern Katlin Dickinson-Laurence preaching.

August 5 and 8: *I could be stoned for what?!? Drastic and odd laws*

...You must not spare the life of any living thing... A woman must not dress like a man... or a man like a woman...this is detestable to Yahweh your God.

Deuteronomy 20, 22. Hmmmm.....REALLY??

August 12 and 15: *Jesus' myth-busting parables*

Make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth..... 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me..I am in agony in these flames.

Luke 16. Hmmmm....REALLY??

August 19 and 22: *Give It Up*

"You have been lying to...God" ...Ananias fell down dead... Sapphira dropped dead at Peter's feet.

Acts 5. Hmmmm....REALLY??

August 26 and 29: *Sin Lists: Are they a thing?*

...laws are for criminals and the...sacrilegious and the godless; people who kill their fathers or mothers...for the promiscuous, homosexuals, kidnappers...everything else...contrary to...the gospel that was entrusted to me. I Timothy 1 Hmmmm... REALLY??

September 2: (NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP) *Why does God allow suffering?*

I make well-being and I create calamity. I am the Lord who does all these things.

Isaiah 45:7. Hmmmm...REALLY??



Register today!
[tinyurl.com/
VBSCamp2018](http://tinyurl.com/VBSCamp2018)



Register today for Vacation Bible School!

Join us for 5 days of fun camp singing, games, and activities right here at church. Perfect for kids ages 4-11, this fun experience helps children learn the stories of the Bible, as well as just how fun church can be.

PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so I can make sure we have enough supplies and teachers to accommodate all our friends. We already have 20 kids signed up, so don't hesitate!!

If you are at all able to volunteer, here are some of the needs we have:

- Group Leaders
- Group Assistants
- Crafts
- Snacks
- Storytelling
- Games
- Music Singing
- Decorating
- Cleaning Up Afterward!

Please consider donating some of your time to VBS - this is a great outreach for the congregation, and a fun way to develop meaningful relationships with the younger people in the church. You can make a huge difference in the life of a child just by being here! Some people give up a week of vacation just to participate. Maybe you can spare some of your time as well. Thank you for praying about it!

Thank you! Let's all be CAMPtastic!

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
CAMPtastic VBS!
July 16-20, 2018 ~ 9am-3pm

Kid's Names & Ages: _____

(Open to kids age 4- 11) _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Authorized Pick Up People: _____

Emergency Contact Info: _____

Allergies or Medical Needs: _____

Home Church: _____

Name of a Special Friend your child might like to be with:

To register, turn in this form and \$75 per child to:

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
Attn: Pastor Gretchen
2400 NW 85th Street
Seattle, WA 98117

Checks can be made out to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church with 'VBS' and your family name in the memo.



FAITH FORMATION

Young Families on Break for Summer

Sunday, August 5 ~ 10am

Our Young Families group is taking a break for July, but in August, we will be having a fall planning meeting on Sunday August 26th at 11:00 am following the 10:00 am worship service. The event will be a potluck (hooray!), and there will be childcare in the nursery. All folks with kids three and under are welcomed and invited. See you there! Please RSVP to Pastor Gretchen or sign up in the fellowship hall on the faith formation bulletin board.



National Youth Gathering

As you read this, six of our 9th grade students (and 3 tired adult leaders) are in Houston, getting on a plane to return to Seattle after 4 days of singing, working, serving, playing, and learning about God and faith and Lutherans and each other. This intense experience is a core formative experience for a young person about the size, scope, and greatness of the church we are a part of. It is easy to think that your congregation is your church, and to stay local and small in your thinking. By participating with 40,000 other teenagers from across the country and around the world, you realize our interconnectedness, and how deep and wide is the love of God. Please continue to pray for these students as they travel back, and ask them questions about service day, learning day, synod day, and of course, the baseball game. :)



Confirmation Camp

July 29-August 3

At the end of July, 7 kids and 2 adults will head to Idaho to Camp Lutherhaven for confirmation camp, and a week of outdoor adventure. With everything from Bible study to zip lining, campfires to canoeing, making crafts to making friends, camp is a can't-lose experience for every confirmand. I am always so excited to have one-on-one time with kids, and to do some intensive teaching around the Lutheran understanding of the 10 commandments, worship (including why we do what we do), and the sacraments. Please pray for us July 29-August 3! Love, Pastor Gretchen

Theology on Tap

Tuesday, July 24 ~ 7pm

Emilie & Sam Purvine's House

This month at Theology on Tap we'll be talking about all the different Christian denominations. We probably know a lot about Lutheranism, but how much do we know about the many other Christian belief systems and worship styles? We'll be at Emilie and Sam's home up in North Seattle this month. If it's nice enough out we may be outside on the deck, so plan clothing accordingly. Bring a snack or drink to share if you want!



Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Break for Summer

by: Carolyn Swanson

The Wednesday morning Bible Study completed 40 sessions, using Jesus and the Gospels, a course taught by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson via DVD. While the bulk of our work was Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we also dipped into some gospels that did not meet canon standards. For the most part, we think the church fathers made good canon choices.

Between 10 and 15 people faithfully took part in Bible reading and discussion. To sum up our year's study, I will use an article written by Rev. Scott Thompson from Montana. It speaks of the Gospel in fragile clay jars from which we pour carefully so none of the treasure is lost. Then again, sometimes we smash the vessel, letting the treasure held inside burst forth extravagantly, as when we commission a ship. It is our hope from studying the "good news", we will treasure it in our hearts, but also let it break open in joy. He puts it this way:

Perhaps God has poured the treasure of the gospel into clay jars that are you and me for the very reason that it might burst forth when the jar is broken, so blessings might overflow.

And these bodies, souls and minds of ours into which God has entrusted the gospel will break. But in our brokenness, God will commission a ship called grace that will sail to the ends of the earth.

We'll begin again in September. Have a good summer. Think about joining us in the fall.



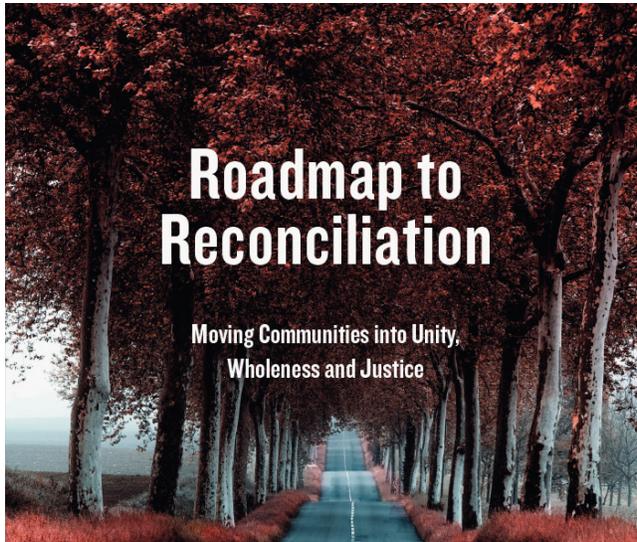
Steven Rystrom's Thank You & Welcome Back Potluck

Sunday, July 22 ~ 11am

Welcome back Steven! Steven Rystrom is coming back from a year of service in Hungary with Young Adults in Global Mission. Please join us for a potluck on Sunday July 22 following VBS Sunday at 11:00 am. Steven has promised us a slideshow, some new Hungarian songs, and maybe even some Goulash! It is always exciting to welcome someone back after a year overseas, and this is particularly exciting because of the servant's nature of Steven's work, and his heart for ministry and people.



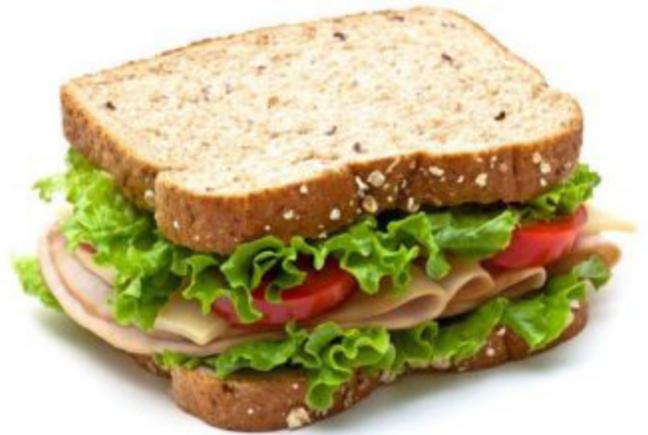
SOCIAL JUSTICE / EARTH CARE



Social Justice Reading Group

Thursday, July 12th ~ 7pm

Our next meeting will cover the final chapters of “Roadmap to Reconciliation” by Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil and conclude our discussions on this book. The conversations we have had around Rev. Dr. Salter McNeil’s book have been both eye-opening and inspiring. Dr. Salter McNeill’s book not only gives us an opportunity to examine where we see racial and ethnic identities at play and injustices in our community, but also offers a roadmap for moving forward towards reconciliation – all with a firm grounding in Biblical Scripture. Thank you to the Social Justice Reading Group participants for your thoughtful conversation the last few months and thanks be to God for this book! As a reminder, anyone is welcome to attend the reading group regardless of if you’ve attended in the past, and you don’t have to have read the book! All are welcome! – Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net)



Sandwich Sunday

Sunday, July 29th ~ 11am

We’ve been making over 300 sandwiches each Sandwich Sunday the last few months, all of them delivered to Peter’s Place for homeless men and women. Because we keep making so many sandwiches we’ve been running through supplies! Next time you find yourself at the grocery store or better yet one of the big wholesale stores like Costco or Sam’s Club, please buy lots and lots of sliced cheese, sliced meats, loaves of bread and plastic sandwich baggies (we wrap each sandwich individually for distribution). To make 300 sandwiches we need about 20 loaves of bread and 300 slices of meat and cheese so don’t worry about buying too much! Excess just means heartier and more nutritious sandwiches. If you or your family would be willing to take on the Lead position (coordinating everyone the day-of and checking on supplies the week before) and/or deliver the sandwiches at Peter’s Place on Monday morning July 30th, contact Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net).



Feed the Hungry: Ballard Sunday Dinner

Sunday, July 15 ~ 5pm

Ballard First Lutheran Basement

Ballard Sunday Dinner - Feeding the Hungry

Our next opportunity to feed the hungry and unhoused in our community will be on July 15th.

The following shifts are available:

- Prepare food under the direction of the Leads and set up, serve - 2pm-5:30pm
- Set up and serve - 4:30pm-6pm
- Greet guests and guide them downstairs towards the meal - 4p-6p
- Serve and Clean Up - 5:30p-7:30pm

One volunteer's experience:

"I remember a woman with tears in her eyes sitting at a table. I went over to her and asked if I can give her a hug. She said she needed a hug and was so grateful for a place to come in out of the rainy weather and share a hot meal. Almost everyone makes a point of saying thank you. "

Please, if you're available that afternoon, sign up online at www.tinyurl.com/ballardsundaydinner

Let's Help Westside Baby Keep More Kids Safe, Warm and Dry!

Did you know that 1 in 3 families in America struggle to afford diapers for their children? Did you know that car seats save lives but cost upward of \$100? Did you know that cribs create a safe sleep environment for babies, but often parents on a limited income are unable to purchase them? For families who are living below the poverty level often painful choices must be made about how to keep their kids safe, warm and dry. Did you know that diapers can't be purchased using Food Stamps or any other form of government assistance? Car seats save lives, but WestSide Baby is able to fill less than 50% of requests.

Providing a few of the critical material things kids need allows parents to pay other bills and work toward becoming self-sufficient. The fact that this is the reality for so many families is simply unacceptable. WestSide Baby is a nonprofit organization that works to address these issues by providing essential items to local children in need by collecting and distributing diapers, clothing and equipment.

Our Redeemers will host a drive to collect diapers, car seats less than six years old, never having been in an accident and never cleaned with bleach, clothing for children up to age 12, wipes, shampoo, and diaper cream. Larger size diapers, pull-ups, and larger sized clothing are in high demand. Westside Baby does not accept toy donations. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Our Redeemers with a notation that the donation is for diaper drive. Please bring items to the church no later than July 22. There will be a designated spot in the narthex for donations. If you have questions about donations, contact Dinah Coble dinahross@mac.com.

Social Justice Quarterly Meeting Results

The Social Justice Group has approved a new process for Benevolence giving decision making. Of all the funds that are given to Our Redeemer's, we tithe 10%. We give 7% to support the local and global ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and we give 3% to organizations of our choosing. The Social Justice group meets quarterly to make these funding determinations. Anyone is welcome to attend these quarterly meetings and vote!

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year we contributed more than \$40,000 to

- Ballard Sunday Dinner
- Sandwich Sunday (Peter's Place)
- Faith Action Network (FAN)
- Camp Lutherwood
- Church Council of Greater Seattle
- Ballard Food Bank
- Lutheran Peace Fellowship
- Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services
- ELCA World Hunger

This coming fiscal year we're eager to include everyone in the Our Redeemer's Community as much as possible! We want to hear from you if you have an organization in mind that you'd like to be considered to receive Benevolence funds!

Please check out the Social Justice bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall where you'll find submission forms and information on upcoming meetings.

The deadline for an organization to be submitted for consideration at the August meeting is July 15th!

Contact Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net) for more information.



Road2Housing Update

We're so pleased to be in the process of editing a Memorandum of Understanding with our new case management partner, Urban League. As soon as it is officially approved and signed by both parties, we will begin welcoming new guests! Thanks to our Road to Housing Taskforce Tom Bernard, Rebecca Butler, Margaret Wetter, Don Boelter, Pastor Kathy and Cara Kiggins for their continuous work on this the last few months! Contact Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net) with any questions.



Special Lutheran Immigrant Refugee Services Collection

Pastor Kathy's sermon on Sunday June 17th (give the podcast a listen if you missed it!) encouraged mustard seeds of action ensuring children are not separated from their families by our government. While it looks like policy is being put into place to prevent the separation of families at the border, there are still thousands of children who have been separated from their families and there is no current plan for reunification in place. We're taking a special collection to give as the Our Redeemer's community to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Our gift will help LIRS provide children torn from their parents' arms with immediate shelter and beds, medical services, counseling, and therapy to help them deal with the trauma of family separation. To give by text, enter 206-717-8465 and the amount you wish to give followed by "LIRS". Thank you.



LIVING GENEROUSLY!

What does it mean to be generous?

Is it just giving?

Or is it a way of giving?

Or is it a way of living?

To be generous is to give "more than necessary or expected."

FROM PASTOR GRETCHEN ~ NOVEMBER 2017

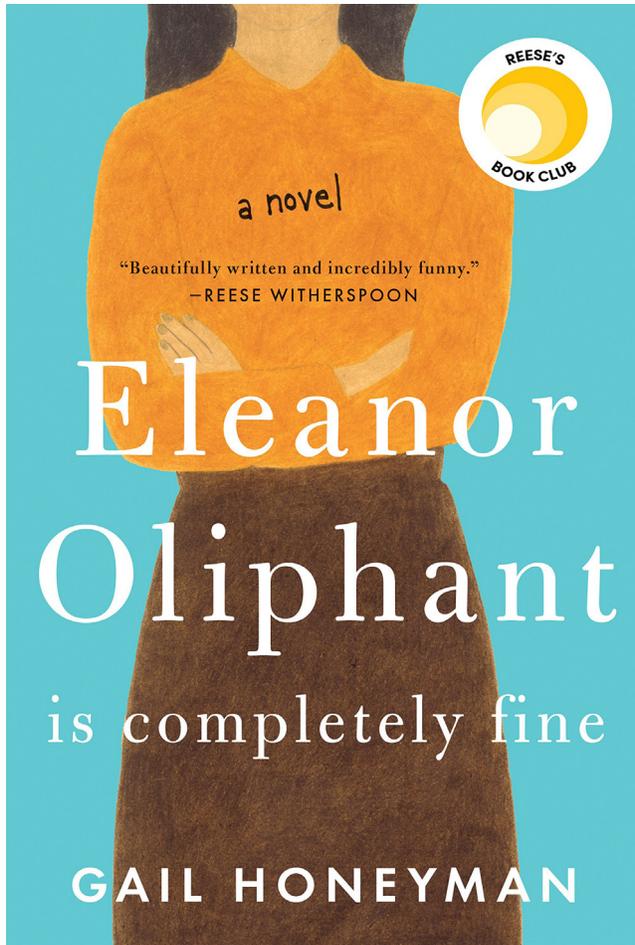
I'm not asking you to give your first-born child to the church. Some of you, we wouldn't take your kids on a dare anyway. But I am asking you to think about living generously. Living generously involves moving beyond what's comfortable or reasonable. We have an open offer to grow in Spirit through trusting God and giving more than we think we should. By caring for our neighbors, our environment, and our church, by helping people when it's inconvenient, by learning to say things in love when they're hard to say — we become more like Christ, who truly is the template for living generosity.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We have met all 2018-2019 mission and ministry costs!



COMMUNITY



Madonnas Book Group

Sunday, July 1 ~ 4pm

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, July 1st @ 4pm in Barb Dougherty's home. Meet at the church parking lot at 3:30pm to carpool. The book we will discuss is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.



Life Masters (Seniors): Progressive Dinner

Thursday, August 23 ~ 6:30pm

3 Host Homes are less than a mile; the 4th is on Shilshole. Carpooling will be available. Watch for sign ups!



Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, July 11 ~ 7am

Patty's Egg Nest

9749 Holman Rd NW

Refresh your spirit with good company, coffee, and pancakes at Patty's Egg Nest.



2018-2018: A Year of Abundant Blessings

2017-18 has overflowed with blessings! That was the takeaway at our congregational meeting, June 17. Pastor Kathy's State of the Church Report, Treasurer Morgan Fowler's financial report, the review of the Vision-Aligned Building Team's work, and the fine work of retiring council members Andrew Brissette, Latife Neu and Paul Wallstrom, all testified to God's goodness.

We end the year stronger and closer to our vision than we began it. New small groups, new ministries, new signage, our newly renovated fellowship hall, new members of all ages, and increased healthy giving, all make us a community of transformative spirituality in action. Morgan Fowler, Emilie Purvine, and Terrence Rindler join the Council, and Amy Dahlgren becomes our Treasurer. For all these blessings, and so many more, we thank God!

In the coming year, we will continue building and growing -- especially in relation to our physical facilities, our transforming spirituality, our community partnerships, and our faith formation ministries with children. What will God's grace and mercy create next? We can't know, but we look forward in confident hope!



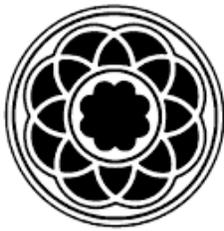
Love is Love is Love: Pride March 2018!

9 people from Our Redeemer's marched in the Pride Parade this year along with other Lutheran churches in the area. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, it is important to us to show our support for the LGBTQ community. God's love is for everyone and the Pride Parade is a wonderful way as a church to share a message of affirmation, celebration, and God's Love!



Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for recognizing me at the worship services on June 10th!! Thank you to Pastor Kathy for the kind words and blessing (@9am worship), and the sweet "retirement prayer" and send off (@11am worship) and for the many years of support to me and my family! Thank you to Pastor Gretchen for the original "Nancy O" song she sang at both services, and the delicious chocolate cake that Bob Carlson served after both services! Thank you for the cards, well wishes, and gifts. God has been good to me! I feel blessed to be part of this community – our church family – since the late 1980s when Paul and I started attending Our Redeemer's, taught Sunday School together for about 8 years, and got married here in 1997. It has been a privilege working with Pastor Kathy, Pastor Gretchen, Don, Karen, Jonath, Cara & Katlin, the church council and all of you for the past 3 years! Thank you to all of the volunteers who have said yes to me asking for help with the coffee hour, worship assistants and various other tasks. I appreciate you! Paul and I will continue to worship here at Our Redeemer's and be involved with social justice and other activities we feel passionate about. I have learned a lot from getting to know each of you and I appreciate your welcoming, generous spirit! Remember – you can be a minister too! You inspire me!

*Love to you all!
Nancy Oldenkamp*



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PLUMS: PLU Matching Scholarship Program

Pacific Lutheran University will match individual scholarships provided by congregations within the church up to \$1,000 per student/per year, under its PLUMS program. If you would like to contribute to this program, and help provide financial assistance to undergraduate students from our congregation, please make out a check to Our Redeemer's and note in the memo line "PLUMS." Please note: under IRS regulations, donations cannot be designated for a specific student. If you know of a full-time, undergraduate student enrolled at PLU in the Fall, please have him/her contact Don Boelter, Parish Administrator (administrator@ourredeemers.net, 206-783-7900 x1007) to find out how to apply.

Application deadline is July 31, 2018.

artinthegardenballardppatch@gmail.com

Art in the Garden
July 28th
10AM to 5PM
Ballard P-Patch
8527 25th Ave NW

Artists Booths Kids Activities
Beer Garden Wine Grab
Bake Sale Ice Cream
Working Artists
Free Parking

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Art in the Garden – Help Work Our Redeemer’s Booth!

Sat July 28th, 10am-5pm

On Saturday July 28th the Ballard P-Patch on our property will be having their annual Art in the Garden event. It's always so much fun! This year there will be artist's booths, a beer garden, kid's activities, a wine grab, ice cream, working artists and a bake sale. We at Our Redeemer's will have booth with information about our community and with a focus on collecting food for the Ballard Food Bank! Come help set up, be a friendly face working the table, or help clean up and return all the Our Redeemer's tables and chairs borrowed by the P-Patch to the fellowship hall. Email Cara (outreach@ourredeemers.net) with any questions. Please sign up online here: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/EXMQ7>



Member Highlight:

Drew Barowicz

Hi everyone, My name is Drew Barowicz, a proud new member of Our Redeemers Lutheran Church! My wife, Kim and I have attended Our Redeemers for a little over 3 years now. When we moved to Seattle, the church was just down the street from our new apartment. As a football and church fan, I was humored by the “See Hawks here on Sunday” displayed on the marquee and figured this would be a great start to finding a new church. After visiting for a few weeks, there was no need to look further. In my worship adventures, I had yet to find a congregation

so genuine, active and thriving. Diving deeper into the heart of Our Redeemers, Kim and I were and continue to be impressed with how much love is catalyzed here that finds its way literally all over the world. My favorite part of Our Redeemers is the varied and numerous ways for nourishing the Spirit, whether it’s our neighbor or ourself. As a global community, we are facing some dark days making our mission that much more vital. Attending Our Redeemers has really highlighted how much of a giving entity a church can truly be for its community.

Pre Seattle and Our Redeemers, I was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in my hometown of Tallahassee, FL. After high school and an internship at Disney (where Kim and I met), I enrolled at the University of Central Florida, earning my Environmental Studies degree. This was all leading up to my childhood dream of becoming a Zookeeper. Soon after graduation, I was offered a job at the Louisville Zoo working in the Bird Department to begin the next adventure. We enjoyed our time in Kentucky but with Kim as a NW native and our cumulative interests in this corner of the country, we decided to make the move to the Emerald City. Kim is also in the wildlife conservation field and is currently a Program Specialist at the Snow Leopard Trust. When I’m not at Woodland Park, you can find me on the trails or one of our fabulous local breweries.

Pints up to you, Our Redeemers!

Thank you for welcoming us with open arms and hearts!

MILESTONES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Nic Glover	14	Ryan Brown	22	Scotty McDonell
1	Searight	15	Nga Copeland	22	Russ Taylor
2	Bob Carlson	15	Laura Stembridge	25	Amy Borgmeyer
2	Sharon Longaker	16	Debby Kleiss	25	Scotty McDonell
3	Jerri Harden	17	Harold Laurence	25	Carlin Orr
4	Celeste Lenihan	18	Marthe' Boettcher	25	Frank Peters
5	Elizabeth Green	18	Riley Hammett	25	Lesley Sheppard
6	Lori Kesl	18	Sandy Haug	25	Charlotte Wallstrom
6	Ryan Mertes	18	Betsy McGregor	27	Rainer Germann
6	Aiden Smith	18	Laura Simmonds	27	Sig Hall
8	Sean McCormick	19	Thomas Butler	27	Leslie Wander
9	Kimber Brown	19	Pat Erickson	27	Margaret Wetter
9	Steve Cromwell	19	David McBride	27	Janet Woodfield
9	Joanna Elizondo	20	Richard LaBrash	28	Mateo Frantz
10	Kelly Hanning	21	Adam Talt	28	Kay Sterner
10	Mike Hlastala	22	Sandy Box	29	Emily Forssen
13	Anika Michaelsen	22	Heather Campbell		
13	Bobbi Miles	22	Don Kleiss		

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JULY 2018

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WEDNESDAYS:
6:30pm - Informal Worship

SUNDAYS:
10am - Traditional Worship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am Beginning of Traditional Summer Worship 4pm Madonnas Book Group 7pm Generosity Team	2 Holden Village Retreat	3 Holden Village Retreat	4 <i>Office Closed</i> Holden Village Retreat	5 Holden Village Retreat 6pm Centering Prayer	6 Holden Village Retreat 1:30pm Folders	7 Holden Village Retreat
8 10am Youth Confirmation 10am Holden Village Info Meeting	9	10	11 7am Men's Breakfast 9am Executive Committee 6:30pm Beginning of Informal Summer Worship	12 10am Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer	13 1:30pm Folders	14
15 5pm Ballard Sunday Dinner	16 Vacation Bible School 6:30pm Finance Team	17 Vacation Bible School 6:30pm Church Council Bible Study and Meeting	18 Vacation Bible School 3:30pm Staff Meeting	19 Vacation Bible School 6pm Centering Prayer	20 Vacation Bible School 1:30pm Folders	21
22 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY	23	24 7pm Theology on Tap	25 10am Staff Meeting	26 6pm Centering Prayer	27 1:30pm Folders	28 10am-5pm Art in the Garden
29 Confirmation Camp	30 Confirmation Camp	31 Confirmation Camp				



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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday - 10 a.m. (Traditional)
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. (Informal)
Thursday - 6 p.m. (Centering Prayer)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays ~ 10am (traditional)

Beginning Sunday July 1.

Wednesdays ~ 6:30pm (informal)

Beginning Wednesday, July 11.

(No Wednesday worship on July Fourth.)