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From the Pastor...

Here are some responses to my recent sermon called, "Jesus Repents", which spoke to the need, as followers of Jesus, to repent of our own distancing from the racism in our nation and ourselves, and commit ourselves to listen, learn and act with people of color.

"You should have condemned Trump outright. Spell out how he is leading the U.S. toward a fascist state."

"You weren't empathetic enough. Condemning incidents in Moses Lake, Charlottesville and the U.S. is a judgment on people who are mistreated themselves. How is that loving?"

"I was overwhelmed by all that is going on. I couldn't listen to it all."

"Good sermon." This from a few folks who don't often commend my preaching. :-)

And some faces just clouded over -- whether because you came to church for a lift of your spirit, not to confront a painful reality, or because you just don't think there's any place in church for "politics", or because it was all just very heavy.

Your varied responses prompt me to share a bit about how I think about my call as a pastor of Word and Sacrament and our shared call to be a beacon of God's hope, love, justice and courage within our community.

I hope to encourage dialogue, not end it. And I say "dialogue" meaning conversation that is safe, respectful, open to learning from one another and seeing more of the picture AND more of God's presence than we can as individuals. This is a strength of our congregation, and one our country desperately needs right now.

We can't separate politics from the gospel. The gospel always has political implications because God cares about the world God created, and the physical needs and justice of the humans God created. Politics affect humans, so as God's people our faith has political ramifications. Both the history of God's people from the beginning and Jesus' own death bear that out.

So, let us disagree on HOW God's purposes should be implemented politically, but agree there is no room to say the church should keep our hands off political realities.

Saying "Love your enemies" doesn't mean we should never condemn naming actions and speech as destructive or evil. Again, there is a LONG history of God's people both speaking out AND God's prophets calling God's people out because they are failing to speak out and act. Speaking out for justice is not a zero sum game. It doesn't devalue those intentionally or unintentionally hurting and devaluing others. To honor one person is not to dishonor another. There is enough grace, justice and love for all.

However, we never speak out from a position of superiority, but with acute awareness of our own real sin and the parts of us that have led us to be unkind or unjust, whether consciously or unconsciously.

We are called -- each of us as individuals and all of us as a congregation -- to offer our best gifts to be God's instruments in the realities arising in our time and place. No one way of doing this is going to work for all of us, but all of us are needed to speak and act with our marginalized neighbors.

We MUST stay rooted and grounded in God's grace as we do this in our tense times. As St. Paul says, we must "speak the truth in love," not "return evil for evil." This is demanding work, possible only with the aid of God's Spirit.

In 2003-2004 we had an in-depth conversation as a congregation about becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation, explicitly welcoming all LGBTQ folks, and, actually, ALL people. We prayed, listened, talked, disagreed and then did it some more. The result? We never all agreed, but we understood one another and really sought God's will.

As opportunities present themselves in the months ahead, I hope Our Redeemer's will dare to engage with that same depth and care around our white privilege, and our differing understanding of what is needed.

I believe this isn't just important, but essential. It is the work of the Holy Spirit around and within us. For God's Spirit disturbs as well as comforts; speaks truth right alongside peace; and, through it all, holds us fast in a love which nothing can separate us from and a hope which nothing can destroy.

Grace and peace+

Pastor Kathy Hawks

BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION!

VISION-ALIGNED BUILDING UPDATE

With renovation work completed in the Fellowship Hall, the Vision-Aligned Building (VAB) Team now turns its eyes toward the next phases of our generational facilities project. As reported in the last edition of The Visitor, requests for proposals (RFPs) went out to five different design-build contractor firms that were recommended by VAB Team members in early summer.

While several of the firms originally contacted expressed some interest in the project, unfortunately, only one completed an RFP. The others indicated that they would not have the ability to add us to their schedules in the midst of the amazing construction climate we currently find ourselves in in the Seattle area.

Subsequently, VAB Team members Mike Hlastala and Don Boelter reached out to colleagues for additional recommendations, and contacted about ten additional recommended firms. Most reported that they also were too busy to take on a project of this scope at this time, but two did express interest in completing an RFP. Both were sent RFPs and concept design plans, and as of the date of this article, we are waiting to hear back from them.

The VAB Team will review completed RFPs as soon as possible and we hope to start work with the contractors in early Fall 2017. If all goes well with the permitting process, etc., we hope to begin work on the sanctuary, offices, and narthex/entry areas in the summer of 2018.

Before moving forward with the next phase, per church policies and council instructions, the congregation will have the opportunity to vote on expending Capital Campaign and Legacy funds and/or taking out a building loan. Additional opportunities to learn more about what's ahead with the project, and future forums to ask questions and express concerns are also being planned. In the meantime, we will continue to provide monthly VAB updates in The Visitor, and will publicize future Congregational Meetings in all our usual communications avenues.

The VAB Team is: Jim Arnold, Don Boelter, Pastor Kathy Hawks, Mike Hlastala, Kirsten Malone, Guy Michaelsen, and Ryan Mertes,.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Bring Your Pet to Church!*

OCTOBER 2 - 10:10 AM Between Services

Pets are such important companions in our lives. Bring your pet to be blessed by one of our pastors as part of our St. Francis' Day celebration. Gather outside in front of our main doors (or just inside if weather is bad). Please make sure they are appropriately leashed, caged, or tanked. Your pet will receive a token of their blessing, and a treat, if desired. If your pet is too rambunctious, bring a photo. You may also do that if you would like a prayer for a pet who has died.

Invite your friends and neighbors and anyone who has a beloved pet.

**All pets are welcome! Pets do not need to be members of Our Redeemer's — Nor do their owners! Invite your friends, neighbors or anyone who has a beloved pet.*

Centering Prayer

THURSDAYS, 6-6:30PM

Give yourself the gift of centering, quiet, and time with God. Have never tried it? Ask Pastor Kathy or Danielle Modeen what's involved... or just come and soak it up. Thursdays, 6-6:30pm in the sanctuary. First Thursdays of the month we share a simple meal following.
Join us August 3!

Service times back to normal!

Sunday

9 a.m. (Informal)

11 a.m. (Traditional)

Join Choir this Fall!

We all look for experiences that bring us joy and a sense of belonging in a welcoming community. Singing in a choir at Our Redeemer's could provide that experience for you and/or your kids! Singing at Our Redeemer's allows one to experience both worship and fellowship in fun, and sometimes, profound, ways. Here's a sample of statements from some of our current choir members about why they enjoy singing at Our Redeemer's:

FROM JR. CHOIR:

- Elena says she *"likes to be in choir because it's a very welcoming group of teachers/kids and the songs are super fun to learn" and "it helps her feel more confident."*
- Kyle wants more kids to join *"because we don't have enough people"* yet.

FROM YOUTH CHOIR:

- Colin says, *"It's fun and you get cookies. It is good for building relationships."*
- Audrey adds, *"I love to sing. It's one of my favorite things to do."*

FROM ADULT CHOIR:

- Tamara says, *"I enjoy singing in choir because it's an activity that consistently leaves me feeling calm, connected, content, and on the whole, joyful!"*
- Stephanie R reflects, *"A doctor, at my annual physical many years ago, asked me if I did aerobic exercises. I said that I was not much of an exerciser, but I did sing in choir." The doctor replied, "Oh, singing regularly counts as aerobic exercise." Stephanie also adds, "If I am tired or discouraged, I don't feel like going out, especially in the gloomy evenings. But I drag myself to choir practice. By the time rehearsal is over, I feel so awake and energetic! The heap of laundry can get folded before bed without any groaning."*
- Lars says, *"I enjoy singing with our choir because it's a collaborative effort in blending with and listening to our neighbors! Much of our world seems to operate on louder, more flashy,"…"more reasoned is better!" Lars continues, "Also, I like the way some of our songs come to me during the week as prayers to help encourage living a more present and brave life!"*
- And finally, Stephanie D shares, *"I enjoy being in the choir because I like to sing and I like the people I sing with. The church choirs I have sung with have always been my church within the church, and when I sing with the choir I feel the presence of God especially close and intensely. The choir is my family."*

Choir rehearsals for all three of these groups begin on Wednesday, September 13:

- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Youth Choir (middle school/jr. high) - Karen Lee, Director
- 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Jr. Choir (ages 5 - 5th grade) - Karen Lee and Marie Nordquist-Lessard, Co-Directors
- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir (high school and adults of all ages) - Karen Lee, Director

All are welcome! Join us and add yourself and your voice to become part of the experience!

FAITH FORMATION

Rally Day!

Rally Sunday!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

It's finally here! Kid's Church, Confirmation, and Sprouts are back for the fall!

At the 9am/11am service students and teachers of all ages are invited to bring the bags, backpacks, and briefcases for a blessing as the school year commences. You will receive a token of the blessing as well!

Children are dismissed after the reading of the Gospel with their teachers. Parents are invited to collect their kids from the classroom after worship.

Our classes look like this:

- **0-2 years:** Mustard Seeds in the nursery with Miss Hannah
- **3-4 years:** Sprouts with Miss Charlotte. Our curriculum is based on the church lectionary readings, with fun age appropriate activities.
- **K-6th: Kid's Church -** Begin with music with Miss Karen, followed by a lesson and activity with their teachers. Two classes – K-2nd, and 3-6th. Our curriculum is based on the church lectionary readings, with fun age appropriate activities.

On the 10th, following the 9am service, we will have a Kid's Church orientation for parents, where you can get a look at their classroom, check out the teaching materials, meet their teachers, and find out more about what opportunities about this year!

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Gretchen at pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net.

Kids and Race: Power and Privilege

SEPTEMBER 16 @ 9AM-12PM
COLUMBIA CITY CHURCH OF HOPE
3818 S ANGELINE ST,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98118

We are hoping to get a group together to attend this workshop in Columbia City. Please email pastor Gretchen to be included! Tickets are $20 for adults, and $10 for children.

This follow-up to Kids and Race: Changing the Narrative teaches caregivers how to recognize and address the misuse of power and privilege in children. This workshop empowers educators and parents to give voice to children of color without tokenizing a child who often just wants to fit in.

Our program includes a concurrent children's program for 3 - 9 year olds led by professional educators. Younger or older children are welcome to stay with their parents. Using art, movement, music and conversation, we teach children to notice and celebrate their own power and privilege. Then we encourage them to utilize their individual advantages for the good of those who are most often overlooked.

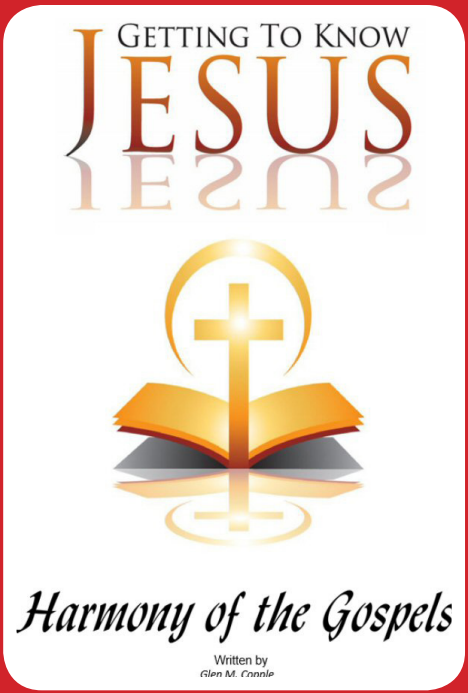
We make every effort to make our events accessible; please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. Scholarships available upon inquiry for families in need.

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.
2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

ELCA National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting

WEDNESDAY SEPT 6TH @ 6PM

June 27- to July 1 of 2018, students who are currently in 8th-12th grades are invited to travel to Houston for the ELCA's National Youth Gathering. The theme is "This Changes Everything!" It's difficult to describe the experience of gathering with 30,000 other high school students to serve, sing, pray, and learn other than AMAZING! If your student is at all able to go, I recommend clearing the calendar and joining us. In the year leading up to the trip, we will have many opportunities for fund raising, group bonding, fun, and preparing for this life-changing, faith-enriching event. To find out more, please attend our informational meeting (conveniently scheduled right before the confirmation orientation) on September 6th at 6:00pm.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study: "Jesus and the Gospels"

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 @ 10:30AM

Wednesday's Bible Study (September 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the library) is soon upon us. I so want you to try it out to see if it could be meaningful for you. There is no doubt its relevancy. Knowing the Christ in all His glory and wisdom and suffering is so worthwhile to each of us in these days. Think of Scripture as "God-Breathed". I think we would all agree we need a message from Jesus, the Christ.

So this study, "Jesus and the Gospels" reveals our Savior in new and enlightening ways. The following is from the study's cover page:

For most of the last 2,000 years, questions about the figure of Jesus have begun with the Gospels, but the Gospels themselves raise puzzling questions about both Jesus and the religious movement within which these narratives were produced. Is it possible to shape a single picture from the various accounts of his life given us by these Gospels? This far-ranging course examines not only the canonical Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John familiar to us from the New Testament, but also the many other, apocryphal narratives and literary works that have contributed to our perceptions of Jesus, Mary, and Christianity - all of which are encompassed by the word "Gospel." In these 36 engaging lectures, you'll discover the human Jesus that underlies many portraits we have.

After introducing you to the era's volatile mixture of Mediterranean culture, Greek ideals and realities, Roman governance, and the religion of Israel, Professor Johnson turns to the Gospels and provides close analyses of key lines of text, explanations of the significance of language and terminology, and overviews of important issues with which scholars have long grappled. You'll learn about the different issues of faith each Gospel emphasizes, as well as the real-world logistics of spreading that faith during the early Christian era. But it is the figure addressed by the Gospels who dominates these lectures, sometimes in ways less familiar than the portrayals of Jesus we most often encounter. Beyond the portrayal in the synoptic gospels, you'll study what the apocryphal narratives say about the childhood of Jesus. Among other things, you'll also learn about the source of Roman Catholicism's doctrine of Mary and examine the 2nd century faith of Gnosticism.

It will be so much more meaningful with you there. Please consider it. This is not a woman's study; it is for all genders!

Curious About Our Redeemers? Check out "The Journey"!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 4PM - 6PM.
Childcare and heavy hors d'oeuvres provided.

Can you relate to any of these?

"I don't know if I'm a Christian. Am I welcome here?"

"Where can I ask my questions and feel safe?"

"I want to deepen my faith or develop my spirituality."

"I come from a very conservative church background. How do Our Redeemer's beliefs compare to what I'm familiar with?"

"I grew up Catholic, how do I figure out what Lutherans are all about?"

"What kinds of expectations will be placed on me if I start showing interest or getting involved?"

Yes? Then please come to the first gathering of what people at Our Redeemer's fondly call "The Journey". It's a fairly concentrated opportunity to ask YOUR questions, get to know a few folks, and explore whether Our Redeemer's is a community where your head, heart and hands (and the rest of you!) can feel at home, engaging and inspiring you in your own faith journey.

There will be more to the process if you continue to be curious and/or feel ready to explore joining (not a requirement at all), but this first gathering will be an introduction to the pastors, to other folks new to Our Redeemer's and to what "The Journey" is. Make the substantial hors d'oeuvres your supper, and take advantage of the child care.

Contact Nancy OldenKamp (office@ourredeemers.net) if you have questions or plan to come. We hope to see you there!!

Adult Confirmation

Did you stop learning about your faith in Sunday School? When you were confirmed? You never "did" confirmation? And now, there are some things you actually want to know? You've got some questions? Well, the good news is:

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD!

The Fall unit — which is also the final segment — will be 7 Sundays, 10:10AM - 10:50AM in the library.

Team taught by Pastor Kathy Hawks and Pastor Gretchen Mertes

Confirmation Orientation

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 @ 7PM.

Our 7th & 8th grade students are invited to participate in confirmation classes and activities including service projects, fun events, and adventures. Even if your student isn't sure about confirmation itself, they are more than welcome to participate in whatever level they are comfortable. **For those considering confirmation itself: Our orientation for confirmation is Wednesday September 6th at 7pm. It is mandatory. Even if you went last year.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE

God's Work Our Hands – Sandwich Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, BETWEEN SERVICES

In addition to the work party after church, between services we will be making about 300 Sandwiches for Peter's Place. As always, Sandwich Sunday is an all ages project! If you find yourself at Costco or Sam's Club or someplace similar the week before Sep 24th, consider picking up a couple gigantic packages of sandwich meats and cheeses to help us make these hundreds of Sandwiches. We can also always use more sandwich bread and other sandwich fixings.

About Peter's Place, the recipient of Sandwich Sunday Sandwiches: Peter's Place is a welcoming space where homeless men and women can find a path out of homelessness. People can seek refuge, meals and basic services as well as connect with case management, entitlements and other benefits, mental health counseling and nursing services. By night, Peter's Place opens its doors as an overnight shelter for 8 women and 38 men, creating a location for round-the-clock services for homeless men and women in Seattle.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work.
Our hands.

God's Work, Our Hands - Carkeek Park Work Party

SEPTEMBER 24TH 12:30PM-3:30PM

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

This year, on Sunday September 24th, 12:30pm-3:30pm, Our Redeemer's will be caring for God's creation in beautiful Carkeek Park. Our work party will be led by a Carkeek Park Trail Steward. We'll work on a forest restoration and trails maintenance project set up just for Our Redeemer's. The Trail Steward will provide gloves and water (they encourage us to bring our own bottle of water, to reduce plastic waste). Please wear sturdy shoes. Wear your grubbies to church and we all will head to Carkeek Park directly after worshiping together at the 11am service. We'll leave from the church parking lot at about 12:15pm.

While the work project is only suitable for teens and older, families with young children are still welcome to the work party! During the work party, younger kids can play up on the Carkeek Park playground, supervised by Pastor Gretchen and another adult or two while their parents join the work crew.

Please sign up online so we know we'll have a big enough work crew:
www.volunteersignup.org/MMPW7

Food Bank Report

We're making headway! We're up to 140lbs for our Summer Foodbank Drive. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to each service you attend, and kid's especially are invited to bring food to give during Kid's Offering. We have until rally day on September 10th to meet our goal of 750lbs.

We're fairly far from our goal of 750lbs at this point so we're going to start counting dollars donated to Our Redeemer's designated for the Ballard Food Bank. If you're unable to bring perishable food, consider giving money designated specifically to the Ballard Food Bank and we will count each dollar raised as a pound towards our goal!

Ballard Food Bank welcomes:

- Non-perishable, unopened cans and packages of food
- Fresh produce from your p-patch or garden, including vegetable starts
- Opened packages of cat & dog food are okay; same goes for hygiene items like shampoo & lotion

Autumn EarthCare Hike

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH @ 9:00AM

Embrace the changing seasons by getting outside with the Our Redeemer's community! Let's hike together in God's Creation. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9am to arrange cars and carpools and head out together towards the Twin Falls Trail out of North Bend https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/washington/twin-falls-trail

Please contact Margaret Wetter (margaretwetter@comcast.net) for more information.

Ballard Sunday Dinner - Feeding the Hungry

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
Volunteer shifts available starting at 2pm, 4pm, or 5pm

Thank you, many of you, for stepping in to make last month's Ballard Sunday Dinner come together. We were sorely lacking in volunteer support right up until the day of and folks stepped up and in to make it happen. Our Redeemer's filled 66 plates with a fresh, nutritious meal, prepared and served in the spirit of compassion and love for neighbor.

Our next Ballard Sunday Dinner is September 17th. The following Volunteer Shifts are available starting at:

- 2pm - Prepare food (under the guidance of the Leads), set-up tables and chairs, serve
- 4pm - Greet guests as they arrive and guide them downstairs to the meal
- 5pm - Serve the meal to guests, clean-up, and put away tables and chairs

Please, if you're available that afternoon, sign up online at tinyurl.com/jzpyoxs ahead of time so we're not worrying and scrambling. Thank you again, to everyone who has chipped in to help make this meal possible.

Gender Inclusive Bathrooms: All Are Welcome in this Place

You'll notice a new sign near our bathrooms that affirms:

"Gender diversity is welcome here. Please use the restroom that best fits our gender identity or expression. A gender neutral restroom is available in the west end of the Fellowship Hall."

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation we are a Lutheran community that publicly welcomes and embraces our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender siblings. As such, we want to ensure our space is a safe, affirming, and welcoming space for all. This sign indicating inclusive bathrooms is a public display of a sentiment we all share: all are welcome in this place.

Lutheran World Relief and School Kits

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. Lutheran World Relief Project Promise School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future. Take advantage of back to school sales and buy bulk amounts! We are still collecting notebooks, pencil sharpeners, scissors, rulers, crayons, and pens. We are also collecting soap and toothbrushes for personal care kits. We will be assembling kits later in the fall, so keep collecting supplies!

Take advantage of back to school sales and purchase:

- Notebooks
- Pencil sharpeners
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Crayons
- Pens
- Soap
- Toothbrushes

Social Justice Opportunities

We're organizing groups from Our Redeemer's to attend two important community events in September.

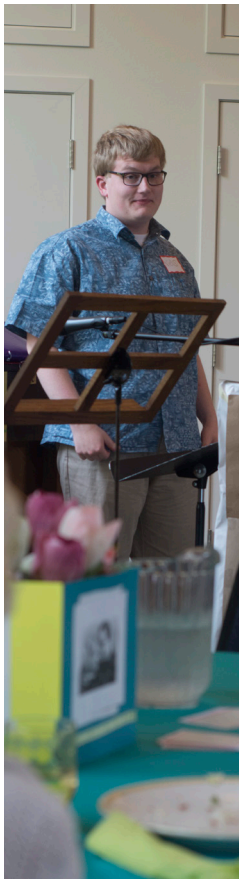
Jim Wallis: Race, Privilege and the Bridge to a New America
Saturday, September 16, 7pm
McCaw Hall at Seattle Center

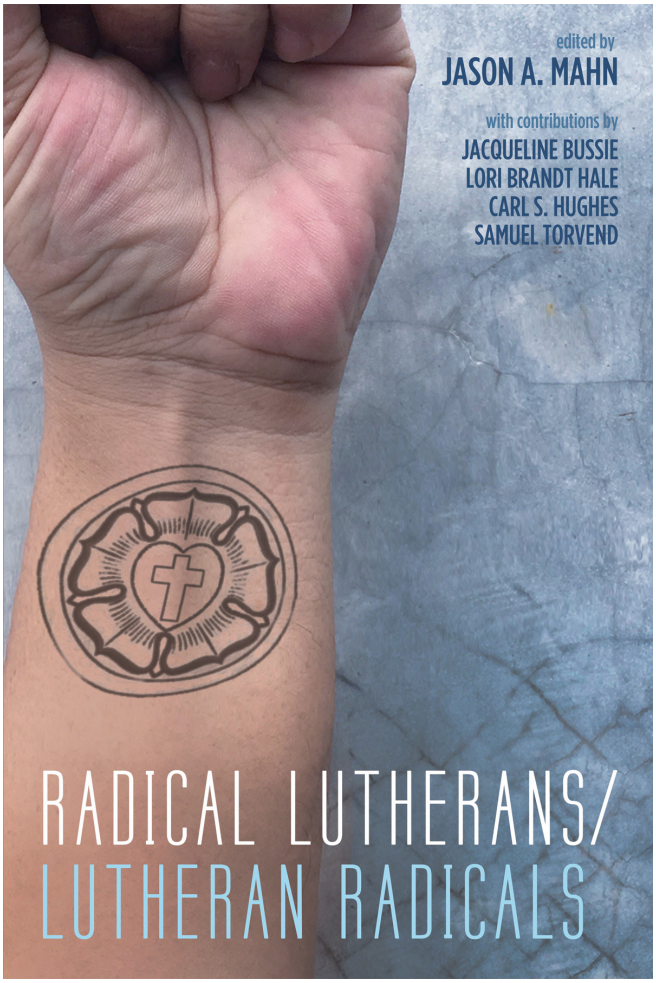
The Treacy Levine Center is also sponsoring this evening with Jim Wallis as he explores the topic of his latest book, America's Original Sin; Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America. Wallis sees it as his faith's obligation to "support the poor and vulnerable and defend those under attack." He offers this path forward as a way to change our course. "tell the truth... love our neighbor...welcome the stranger...expose and oppose racial profiling...defend Muslims...It is time to listen. Tickets are now on sale at Brown Paper Tickets online at http://bpt.me/3002763 or by phone 1-800-838-3006. Let Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net) know if you're planning to attend so we can coordinate carpools and/or a meet-up location at the event.

Weaving Our Strengths:
For Such a Time as This
Saturday, September 30, 8am-4pm
University Congregational
(4515-16th Ave NE, Seattle)

Save the date for this day-long conference of fellowship, inspiration, and skill building to strengthen local church efforts to make a difference for the common good. It is organized by the Church Council of Greater Seattle. RSVP to Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net) as she'll be coordinating the purchase of tickets at a group rate.

Welcoming Wisdom





Social Justice Book Discussion Group

OCTOBER 12TH AT 7PM

As a community in the model of Christ, we are committed to turning our values into actions for the life of the world. Yet, we all have questions: what is the best course of action? Starting this Autumn we'll meet once a quarter to discuss a book, reading titles that perhaps offer answers, or perhaps offer more questions.
Our first meeting will be October 12th at 7pm in the Library, discussing Radical Lutherans/ Lutheran Radicals, edited by Jason Mahn.

Social Justice Quarterly Meeting Report

On August 13th, fifteen of us brought our passions for a more just and peaceful community to the table as we determined where energy and funds will go next. 3% of all unrestricted giving given to Our Redeemers is set aside for Social Justice and Outreach Ministries and all are welcome to attend Social Justice quarterly meetings to determine where these funds are directed. At our meeting we decided to give:

- $1000 to ELCA World Hunger – www.elca.org/hunger
- $1000 – Ballard Food Bank - www.ballardfoodbank.org/
- $500 —Ballard Sunday Dinner
- $500 – Lutheran Immigrant Refugee Services lirs.org/
- $500 – Church Council of Greater Seattle thechurchcouncil.org/
- $500 – Lutheran Peace Fellowship - www.lutheranpeace.org/
- $500 for Camp Lutherwood – (designated towards scholarships for underprivileged youth and/or Environmentalism Camp) www.camplutherwood.org/family-camp/

Decisions on where to send Benevolence giving are always up for discussion. Please plan to attend the next quarterly meeting and brunch on Sunday November 12th and/or feel free to reach out to Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net) to share your thoughts on our Benevolence giving.

HOLDEN VILLAGE WELCOMES YOU

HOLDEN VILL

Community BBQ at Idriss Mosque

Our Redeemer's community members enjoyed the hospitality of Idriss Mosque at the annual BBQ on August 13th. It was an excellent opportunity to meet our neighbours and share a meal together for peace, compassion, reconciliation and justice. We enjoyed tours of the mosque and conversations with our Muslim neighbors. Please note: The regular monthly potlucks will resume in the Fall, keep an eye out for upcoming dates!

Young Families

Does your household include a little person 3 or younger? Then you are invited to be a part of the Our Redeemer's Young Families group. Approximately once a month, we gather for a playdate for the kids, or a kid-free playdate with the grown-ups. If you would like to find out more, please send an email to Pastor Gretchen and you will be in our e-list. You can opt out at any time. Friends are always welcome as well.

Yum! Meal Making Group

SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 1:30PM

Like to cook? Don't much like to cook? Sick of cooking the same things?
Time-crunched?

At our women's retreat, we talked about gathering regularly to make up meals to share, freeze and eat over the coming month.

On September 10, let's try it out, see if we want to do it again, and figure out logistics.

Please bring containers to bring meals home, ingredients for an 8-serving main dish, and any specialized pans or utensils. Please tell Amy Dahlgren (amydahlgren@yahoo.com) or Pastor Kathy your dish ahead of time, so we don't all bring chili. :-)

If you are interested but can't come this time, that would be great to know, too. Hope to see you there.

New Member Highlight:
SARAH OTT

1. What made you want to join Our Redeemer's?

Pastor Kathy and Pastor Gretchen. They welcomed me from day one, and made me feel like Our Redeemer's is my spiritual home. Their compassionate, positive energy is inspiring and rejuvenating.

2. Where are you from?

Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

3. What are your interests?

I love to hike with my husband. There is nothing better than leaving society behind for a day in the wilderness; no people, no stress, no future plans or past judgments, just living in the moment. We also have two cats that we love and entertain us.

4. Something you look forward to this coming year?

A ten-day, silent meditation retreat I'm attending in November/December.

5. Favorite thing about coming to church?

The peace that I feel when service is over. That peace comes from many things: the time before service begins when the music is playing and I finally take a moment to just breathe and be; the parting hug with Pastor Kathy or Pastor Gretchen that sends me on my way; the music during service; the uncanny knack for the sermon to relate to something I pondered or struggled with that week; the sincere welcome for all walks of life.

COMMUNITY

MILESTONES

September Birthdays

1	Lew Roberts
1	Bob Salnick
3	Kirsten Duke
3	Craig Egbert
4	Paul Campbell
4	Olivia Evidon
4	Kayla Moore
4	Marilyn Schulze
5	Indio Abdullah
6	Georgia Green
6	Ashley Holt
7	Russ Huffstetter
8	Phyllis Ellis
8	Lucy Watkins
12	Genny Arredondo
13	Linda Hintz
13	Judi Jager
13	Judith Jager
13	Nicholas Sangrey
14	Gretchen Mertes
15	Linda Ellingboe
16	Jo Bell September
16	Joni Duvall
17	Joe Lessard
17	Chris Lowe
20	Tim Hunter
20	Phil Lotshaw
21	Britni Chabot
21	Isaac Dovinh
21	Steve Ege
21	Eric Olson
22	Haley Nyhus
23	Ellie Giesa
24	Lisa Glover
25	Lindsay Rindler
26	Janet Anderson
27	David Hendricks
27	Lilja Kyoko See
28	Victoria Anderson
28	Maryanne Dixon
29	Holly Mangold
30	Anna Freyberg
30	Jon Hanson

Thanks be to God for:

Over 90!

Edna Twiet – September 7, 1919 – 98 years old!

Sundays:
9am - Informal Worship
11am - Traditional Worship

September 2017

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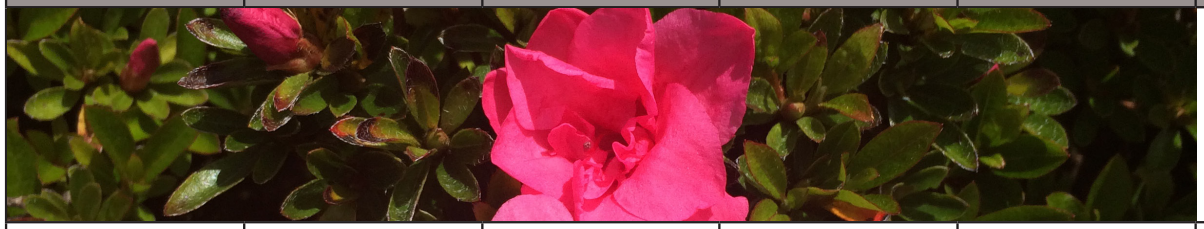
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					**1** 130pm Folders	**2**
3 **10am Worship**	**4** Labor Day Office Closed	**5**	**6** 7am Men's Breakfast 6pm Confirmation Orientation	**7** 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Rehearsal	**8** 130pm Folders	**9** 9am Traditional Worship Team
10 **RALLY SUNDAY** **9am Informal Worship** **11am Traditional Worship** 130pm Meal Group	**11**	**12** 7pm Ballard Sunday Dinner Planning Meeting	**13** 9am Executive Committee 10am Staff Meeting 1030am Bible Study 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Junior Choir 7pm Adult Choir	**14** 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Rehearsal	**15** 130pm Folders	**16** 9am EarthCare Hike
17 **9am Informal Worship** **11am Traditional Worship** 5pm Ballard Sunday Dinner	**18**	**19** 630pm Church Council Bible Study and Meeting	**20** 10am Staff Meeting 1030am Bible Study 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Junior Choir 7pm Adult Choir	**21** 9am Road2Housing 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Rehearsal	**22** 130pm Folders	**23**
24 **GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS** **9am Informal Worship** **10am Sandwich Sunday** **11am Traditional Worship** **1230am Carkeek Park Work Party**	**25**	**26** 7pm Theology on Tap	**27** 10am Staff Meeting 1030am Bible Study 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Junior Choir 7pm Adult Choir	**28** 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Rehearsal	**29** 130pm Folders	**30**

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Sunday - 9 a.m. (Informal) 11 a.m. (Traditional)
Thursday - 6 p.m. (Centering Prayer)

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God's Work. Our Hands.

Sandwich Sunday

11am (between services)

Make 300+ sandwiches to feed the homeless.
All ages!

Carkeek Park Trail Steward Work Party

12:30pm-3:30pm

Care for God's creation via trail maintenance.
Teens and Up-- little ones supervised on playground!