

JUNE 2022

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June is Pride Month
Join the Parade!

On June 26 march for
advocacy, reconciliation,
and joy!

All are created in God's image.
Hallelujah!

A Community in the Model of Christ

From the Pastor...

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² *a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

³ *a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

⁴ *a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

⁵ *a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;*

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ *a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;*

⁷ *a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

⁸ *a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3

Let the transitions continue! The Sundays of June are marked with joy and change and gratitude.

- On June 5th, we will bless twelve high school graduates who were confirmed in the dark (when the power went out!) in 2018.
- On June 12th we will thank our amazing Faith Formation volunteers who teach the youngest to the oldest in our congregation.
- Also on the 12th we will bid Godspeed to two of our most loved young families as they move into new phases of their lives in new locations across the country.
- On June 19th we will hear the Gospel from our new Transition Facilitator, Pastor David Hahn, who will be guiding our transition team through this important next step of discernment.
- On the 19th we will also remember and celebrate the liberation of our Black siblings on Juneteenth. Thanks be to God!

- On June 26th we will honor and support the queer community on June 26th by marching in the Pride Parade, to advocate especially for the transgender folk and children in our community.

What a wonderful list of things to celebrate this month! Even though we continue to find ourselves on uncertain ground in times of war, pandemic, fear, strife, and change – God is GOOD.

Even as our lives are getting busier, and the world scarier in many ways we can still point to the joy. A parent recently came into my office to chat and said, "It feels like everything is optional these days. Things you thought were mandatory just aren't, and things you thought couldn't be cancelled are. It's hard to know what's what."

I couldn't agree more. The illusion of control in our lives has never felt so raw and apparent – especially for people who like to have a good sense of which way is up and which way is down. It didn't used to seem like much of an ask, but apparently, these days it is.

As you search for your anchor, I invite you to remember that in the sea of life's chaos, God's spirit of peace is a calm inlet, inviting you to remember who you are. This summer, we will have a different rhythm for worship – Holy Communion at 10 am, and Holden Evening Prayer at 7 pm. We hope that with this consistent offering of meal, prayer and song, we can find solace together even as things continue to shift. I want to extend a special welcome to families with little ones to the evening service – put them in their jammies and bring them to church, and let the music be a blessing and lullaby for them as they find their way in the long summer evenings. (Adults are invited to do so as well.)



Peace to you,



Pastor Gretchen

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OUR VISION: In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring, and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks, and grows.



This Month at Our Redeemer's

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| June 1, Wednesday | 10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study Zoom 7 PM - Choir Practice |
| June 2, Thursday | 7 PM - Informal Ensemble |
| June 3, Friday | 7 PM - Insight Class |
| June 4, Saturday SYNOD ASSEMBLY | 9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team |
| June 5, Sunday PENTECOST CELEBRATING GRADS | 9 AM - Informal Worship Sprouts: 9 AM In-Person, 10 AM Zoom 10 AM - O-ROCK Classes 10 AM - Adult Forum Fellowship Hall 11 AM - Traditional Worship |
| June 6, Monday | 9 AM - Quilters Fellowship Hall 7 PM - Faith Formation Team |
| June 7, Tuesday | 12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 7:15 PM - Racial Justice Advocates |
| June 8, Wednesday | 10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study Zoom 7 PM - Choir Practice |
| June 9, Thursday | 7 PM - Informal Ensemble |
| June 10, Friday | 7 PM - Insight Class |
| June 12, Sunday FAITH FORMATION APPRECIATION | 9 AM - Informal Worship Sprouts: 9 AM In-Person, 10 AM Zoom 10 AM - Adult Forum Fellowship Hall 11 AM - Traditional Worship 12:30 PM - 2022-23 Mission Budget Review Zoom |
| June 13, Monday | 9 AM - Quilters Fellowship Hall |
| June 14, Tuesday | 12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 7 PM - Executive Team Meeting |
| June 15, Wednesday | 10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study Zoom 7 PM - Choir Practice |
| June 16, Thursday | 7 PM - Informal Ensemble |
| June 18, Saturday | 2 PM - Carol Alley Memorial Our Redeemer's |
| June 19, Sunday ANNUAL MEETING Father's Day Juneteenth | 9 AM - Informal Worship 10 AM - Annual Meeting 11 AM - Traditional Worship 2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner |
| June 20, Monday | 9 AM - Quilters Fellowship Hall |
| June 21, Tuesday | 12:30 PM - Staff Meeting |
| June 22, Wednesday | 10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study Zoom |
| June 26, Sunday PRIDE SUNDAY | 10 AM - Summer Worship 4 PM - Madonna's Book Group 7 PM - Holden Evening Prayer Sanctuary |
| June 27, Monday | 9 AM - Quilters Fellowship Hall |
| June 28, Tuesday | 12:30 PM - Staff Meeting |
| June 29, Wednesday | 10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study Zoom |

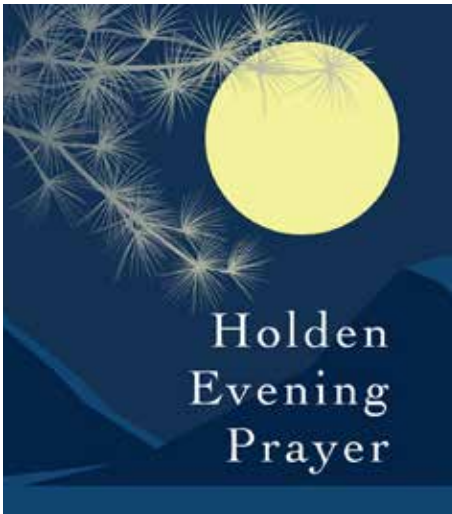


Worship and Music

Remember These Confirmands?

June 5, 9 AM Worship

On June 5th, Pentecost Sunday, we will be blessing these ones as our high school graduates at the 9:00 service. Can you believe it?! We hope that many will attend and help us to send these young adults on their way to college with a quilt and a prayer. Huge thanks to Janet Woodfield and all the quilters who made 12 quilts (maybe the most ever!) in record time for these grads. May God hold you all in the palm of their hand!



Holden Evening Prayer

Sundays in Summer, June 26–Sept. 4, 7 PM

At 7:00 pm on Sunday evenings this summer we will gather in the sanctuary informally to **sing and pray Holden Evening Prayer together**. This brief service (20 minutes) is wonderfully singable, peaceful, and transcendent. You are invited and encouraged to attend. Young families, put your kids in their pajamas and let Pastor Gretchen and Karen Lee sing them a lullaby of prayer and blessing.

Summer Schedule

Starting June 26th we will shift to **one service on Sunday mornings at 10 am** and add **7 pm Holden Prayer** for the summer months. 10 am services will feature special music from various musicians in the congregation, and encourage family participation. We will resume two morning services in September 11th on "Kickoff Sunday."



Summer Sunday Worship

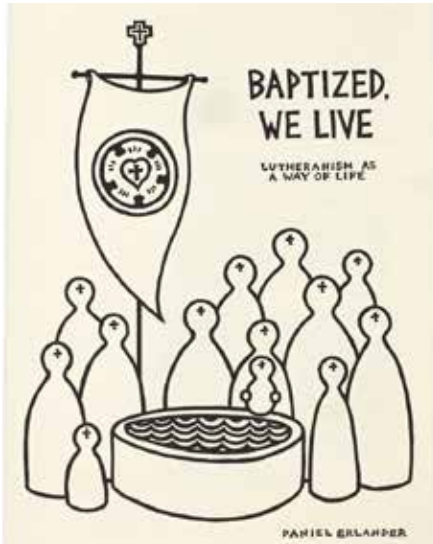
June 26 - September 4

10 AM Worship

7 PM Holden Evening Prayer



Faith Formation



Adult Forum – Transitions as People of Faith

June 5 & 12, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

How does our faith inform how we handle the transitions in our lives? The first two Sundays in June, Dana Wright and members of the adult forum team will lead us in discussion, and a new process during our Adult Forum at 10:00 am. Using the book “Baptized We Live” by Dan Erlander as a guide, as well as scripture and each other’s wisdom, **we will learn together about the gift of our ability to begin each day anew in these uncertain days.** All are welcome, and childcare is provided in the nursery.

Faith Formation Appreciation

June 12, 9 AM Worship

Join us on Sunday June 12 at our 9:00 am worship to honor and appreciate all of our faith formation teachers and leaders. **These generous humans have graciously volunteered over the past year to teach children and adults more about faith and life together.** We are so grateful for their ministry among us! If you are unable to be in worship but would like to send a note of encouragement, please email it to Pastor Gretchen (pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net) and it will be included on that day.



Wednesday Bible Study

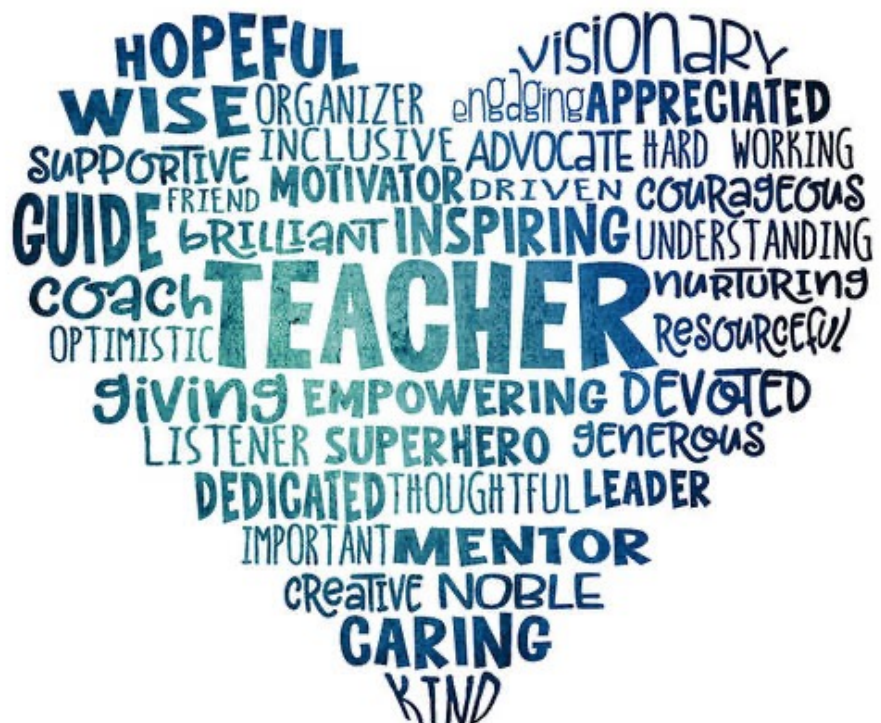
Wednesdays, 10:30 AM | Zoom

There are 5 lessons left in the Triumph of Christianity course before a summer break:

- 20. Did Constantine Really Convert?
- 21. Constantine’s Interactions with the Church
- 22. Imperial Christianity after Constantine
- 23. The Beginnings of a Christian Roman Empire
- 24. The Triumph of Christianity: Gains and Losses

Ask Carolyn about the Fall Sessions!
If interested email Carolyn at cdkswan@gmail.com. Carolyn will send you the Zoom link each week.

If one doesn’t know about Constantine’s influence on the church right up until this very day, then, this is an interesting bit of history!





Faith Formation



Vacation Bible School!

July 11-15, 9 AM - 12 PM |

Our Redeemer's [REGISTER](#)

Calling all kids aged 4 – 11! Vacation Bible School is July 11-15 from 9:00 am – noon, with optional afternoon activities for kids aged 8-11. We are partnering this year with Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church.

VBS explores the themes of healing and wholeness through the window of God's creation. Our daily themes are **"Roots of Creation," "Healthy Minds and Bodies," "Different Bodies, Different Gifts," "Healthy Grief" and "Bearing Fruit."**

Stories, games, music, crafts, and of course, snacks will help kids renew their relationships with God and each other.

VBS registration is \$30 to cover materials and snacks. If your big kids are staying for the afternoon adventure, they will need to pack a lunch as well.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need caring adult and youth to help with Vacation Bible School. Contact Pastor Gretchen if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. This week takes a village of people to make happen. It's a wonderful way for high schoolers to gain service hours!

Summer Programs for Children and Youth

Our regular Sunday classes will wrap up on June 5th. On June 12th we will be honoring our wonderful volunteers who have helped teach our youngest members.

We have some summer events coming up for kids of all ages:

Middle School (6-8 grades): We will be having a **start of summer swim party** on Saturday, June 18th in the afternoon. Place and exact time to be determined. Watch your email for details and an Evite. (We can use at least one adult willing to hang out with us to supervise.)

Ages 5-10 (K-5th): VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK the week of July 11-15. Our Program will run every day from 9:00 am – noon. Our theme this year is "Tree of Healing." See details above. [REGISTER \(https://rb.gy/ds2hde\)](#)



Social Justice



Celebrate Pride Month at the Pride Parade! Sunday, June 26

We look forward to the return of the Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday, June 26, 2022! This will be its 48th year!

Our Redeemer's is signed up to walk with at least 24 other Lutheran congregations from around our synod to show God's love and our support for all those among us who identify as LGBTQIA+!

The ELCA commits itself to:

- Advocate for and support laws, policies, and practices that respect diverse bodies rather than discriminating against, objectifying, or devaluing them. Women, girls, and people who identify as non-binary must not be deprived of their human or civil rights.
- Advocate for and support the eradication of gender-based violence within the church and more broadly in society by addressing both the systemic aspects of such violence and the personal responsibility of those who perpetrate harm.

From the 2019 ELCA Social Statement:
Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action

Our Redeemer's begins our summer schedule that day (10:00 am service), so marchers from our church will be able to get to the Parade.

The parade in downtown Seattle officially begins at 11:00 am. It generally takes two-three hours to complete the 1.75-mile parade route once we start moving.

**Let's march to affirm God's intention that
all people flourish!**

**Let's march to celebrate that each of us is a unique creation
made in the image of God!**

**Let's march to show that we and our siblings have rights to
self-expression, love, and care for our bodies and souls!**



Summer Book Read: See No Stranger by Valarie Kaur

Sunday, August 14 & 18, Noon-1:30 PM | Zoom

In a world that is being fragmented and shattered by animosity and enmity, what is the church's calling? Can we find resources from other traditions to help guide us today?

Valarie Kaur, a Sikh woman, has written a book called *See No Stranger* that gives many insights to people and communities seeking to be peacemakers in this world.

Take this book with you wherever you are going or staying this summer. Then join Racial Justice Advocates for a discussion of this book in August. We will have Zoom and in-person options on Sunday, August 14th noon-1:30 pm, and Sunday, August 28th noon-1:30 pm. Come for just one or both discussions.

Need to buy a copy of the book? Contact Dana Wright by the end of June to participate in a group discount through Secret Garden Books (danarwright@msn.com). Discussion questions will be coming soon!

See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love by Valarie Kaur.



Social Justice

"On June 19, 1865 — nearly nine decades after our Nation's founding, and more than two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation — enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word that they were free from bondage. As those who were formerly enslaved were recognized for the first time as citizens, Black Americans came to commemorate Juneteenth with celebrations across the country, building new lives and a new tradition that we honor today... And that is why I am proud to have consecrated Juneteenth as our newest national holiday... Juneteenth not only commemorates the past. It calls us to action today."
(Excerpted from the Presidential Proclamation of June 18, 2021)

Celebrating Juneteenth by Marie Brissette

Events Celebrating Juneteenth in our area:

1. **Festival Sundiata Black Arts Fest:** a family event at Seattle Center, June 17-19. You can sign up to volunteer. enjoy music, visual art, food, and vendors—support black artists and local black businesses. <https://festivalsundiata.org/>
2. **MoHai Exhibit - Black Love:** A Form of Resistance on Saturday, June 18, 2022 1:00-3:00 pm. Free with admission, registration required. With artifacts, storyboards, and storytelling, this event teaches American History through an Afrocentric lens. The exhibit is broken into four sections: Mother Africa, American Chattel Slavery, The Jim Crow Era, and Still We Rise. <https://mohai.org/event/black-love-a-form-of-resistance/>
3. **Northwest African American Museum (NAAM)** - NAAM presents "Juneteenth Week" to celebrate Black liberation and freedom. Learn more: <https://www.naamnw.org/>



Do You Know the Progress Pride Flag?

You may have seen this flag flying around Seattle. It is called the Progress Pride Flag. **Do you know its history?**

In 2017, the pride flag was redesigned in Philadelphia to add black and brown stripes to emphasize the queer and trans identities of black and brown people, as well as to represent those who have died from or are living with HIV/AIDS and the stigma still surrounding the disease.

Then in 2019 trans representation was added. Monica Helms, a trans woman and veteran, created the first and still best-known Transgender Pride Flag in 1999. Her blue and pink colors were intended to represent the gender binary, with the white accounting for non-binary and gender-nonconforming people.

Daniel Quasar, a queer and non-binary activist from Portland, debuted the Progress Pride Flag with a redesign on the hoist side of the flag to form an arrow. Quasar called it, "a reboot of the LGBTQ Pride Flag with an emphasis on inclusion and progression."

Celebrating June Birthdays!

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| 1 Amy Dahlgren | 12 Susan Pelto | 24 Andrew Brissette |
| 1 Ken Lubkowski | 13 Jana Davis | 26 Olaf Brissette |
| 3 Glory Frodesen | 13 Erik Giesa | 27 Irene Day * |
| 3 Harper Hammett | 13 Araya Seyler | 27 Mary Peters |
| 5 Sam Altenberger | 14 Deanna Carter | 28 Gabriel Jones |
| 9 Nelson Miller | 18 Danielle Modeen | 28 Terrence Rindler |
| 9 Mary Pederson | 20 Chuck McKenzie | 29 Marli Iverson |
| 9 Christine Skow | 20 Nancy Parks | 30 Craig Gibson |
| 10 Denny Palmason | 21 Richard Holt | |
| 12 Levi Jancola | 23 Matt Grover | |

***BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO IRENE DAY WHO IS CELEBRATING 100+ YEARS OF LIFE.**



Community



Rev. Dr. David Hahn

At the **10 AM Congregational Meeting on June 19th**, we will vote to approve our budget for 2022-2023 (among other church business).

Can't join us in person this year?

The Annual Meeting will be on Zoom:

<https://Zoom.us/j/822691346>.

Meeting ID: 822 691 346

Join by phone: +1 (206) 337-9723

We urge you to read meeting

protocols prior to the meeting:

<https://ourredeemers.net/73536-2/>

Welcome Our Transition Facilitator! by Pastor Gretchen

Exciting news! We have signed a Letter of Agreement with Rev. Dr. David Hahn of Renton, WA to be our Transition Facilitator. David is a pastor and teacher who most recently has served as the Assistant to the Bishop for Director of Formation and Learning. He's an avid scholar, musician, and advocate for social justice who enjoys conversations and seeing the movement of God's spirit in the world.

We are still working to develop our transition team, but have great folks from our congregation praying about it.

2022-2022 Budget Review Meeting Sunday, June 12, 12:30 PM | Zoom

Do you have questions about the budget for the upcoming year? Here's your chance to ask them!

Our treasurer, Amy Dahlgren will present the budget (that you will have received prior to this meeting) and do her best to address your questions regarding it. The church council is hopeful that this meeting will alleviate the need to take a lot of the agenda time discussing questions that could be asked in advance and keep the annual meeting under an hour. A big thanks to Amy for making herself available for this meeting!

We are in a very interesting position this coming year as we work through our transition time and regroup in terms of mission, calling, and staffing as a whole congregation. It is a joy to do this work together, and we are privileged to have such a great staff to work with and community to serve.



The first day of Pedalheads bike camp, held in Our Redeemer's parking lot, is June 20th and registration is open until the Sunday prior. These weekly classes fill up quickly so if you are interested in enrolling, go to their website: www.pedalheads.com.

Kids on Bikes! Pedalheads Camp by Karie Stearns, Parish Administrator

What says "summer" more than seeing kids on their bikes? My daily bike route growing up was to the nearby church parking lot and its later where I taught my younger brother to ride. **Church parking lots and bike lessons go together for me like PB&J. Perhaps that is why I'm so excited that Our Redeemer's is partnering with Pedalheads to bring bike camp to the community.** Their learn-to-ride bike program is best known for helping kids ages 2-12 get off training wheels and safely ride on the road. Their program includes:

- A progression of six instructional levels
- Three-hour half-day camps
- Seven-hour all-day camps
- Private lessons
- Before and after care options

Kids get lots of time on their bikes learning and playing games, navigating obstacle courses, and challenging themselves with a variety of activities in a safe environment. Kids also take bathroom, snack, and water breaks to ensure they stay hydrated and engaged.



Community



JUNE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- **Pride Parade Planning Team (June 26)**
- **Front Desk Volunteer (Tuesdays, Fridays 9 am–3 pm or Wednesdays 12–3 pm)**

Not sure where or how to volunteer at Our Redeemers, [click here](#).

For more questions, comments, suggestions: Contact Phillipa Dugaw at volunteer@ourredeemers.net.

Madonna's Book Group

Madonna's Book Group meets to review books, support each other, and share personal journeys. All women are welcome! The group is meeting next on Sunday, June 26, 4 PM at Our Redeemer's. The book the group will be discussing is **BEACH MUSIC** by Pat Conroy.

Interested?

Contact buckomcneill@yahoo.com.

Caring Community Team

The Caring Community Team shares comfort and support through visits, meals, cards, communion, and prayer shawls. The team's next meeting is on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 10:00 am. Please contact Linda Carbone to discuss how you might get involved (bindac19@comcast.net).

June 2022 | Ballard Sunday Dinner | [Sign Up!](#) by Phillipa Dugaw, Volunteer Coordinator

Have you had an opportunity to serve at the Ballard Sunday Dinner? If not, I'd like to break it down for you because the experience is wonderful. I'm going to try to do this in a really fun way – so keep on reading!

Let's talk about the community. When you spend time prepping a meal together, it's amazing the great conversations you have, the fascinating things you learn and common interests revealed – you had no idea you'd meet your new best friend. Within the homeless community, you get to serve a community that needs our support. The men and women that receive meals are so appreciative and just knowing that we can "fill their cup", even for that moment, makes a difference. When we return to sitting for a meal, this is going to be another opportunity to get to know people in a more personal way.

Now let me breakdown what's needed each month. First we are looking for two people to CO-LEAD – sounds like hard work, well kinda. We also know that it's probably a job for someone that has a few BSDs under their belt. So what I'm telling you is this, don't jump into this one until you've actually been to a dinner and experienced it. Our Co-Leads are our "go to" folks. This can actually be one person but it's way more fun if it's two of you – they plan the meal, purchase all the groceries for that meal, tell the rest of us what to do to prepare said meal and they fill out the weekly report.

The LATE LEAD takes over from our Co-leads, eventually. This person gets to make the coffee (and I'm pretty sure drink it as well), they get all "bossy" and direct the clean-up crew, they complete the weekly report and make sure the building is locked up and secure...have you ever wanted to experience an empty, dark church? Then this one's for you.

Now let's talk about the busy bodies: The COOKING, SET UP AND SERVING TEAM. You get to prepare the meal, set up the space and serve. The best part – no restaurant experience necessary. From chopping to stirring, to peeling, we give you permission to walk away and call yourself a sous chef. I'm telling you, it's not super easy pulling off a dinner without this crew.

Our CLEANUP TEAM is for all of the folks that will not go to bed with a full sink of dishes. Your expertise helps the next group coming in feel like we were never there. You get to operate the commercial dishwasher and return any equipment or furniture to storage. (If you like putting things back in its place, this is your jam.)

Let's not forget DESSERT, something I just don't think we should joke about – this one is serious business. If you like to bake for groups of 50 this is perfect for you. Desserts are made ahead of time and all you have to do is arrange to have it delivered.

So I really hope you smirked, or maybe even had a little chuckle or two to bring you to this point, the part where you know you'd like to get involved. So, if you're looking for something to do on the third Sunday of the month [click here](#).



Community

Fun at “Boots & Pearls” Auction

Yeehaw, all y'all! We were rockin' and rollin' with The Feels, bidding on amazing community gifts, and raising enough funds to really make a difference in the ministry of our congregation – particularly the music ministry among us! **Together, we managed to raise over \$40,000 – a new auction record!** Thank you to all the donors, all the folks on the planning team, all the volunteers who made the magic happen, all the dessert dash and wine grab donors, and everyone who attended and let their hair down for a great cause. Let's do it again next year!





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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 AM - Informal

11 AM - Traditional

In-Person or Online:

Facebook:

[facebook.com ourredeemers](https://facebook.com/ourredeemers) and

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>

Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 19 | 10:00 AM | Our Redeemer's

**In-Person (between services)
or on Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/822691346>

We urge you to read the Zoom meeting protocols prior to the meeting:

<https://ourredeemers.net/73536-2/>

**We will celebrate and review the ministries and fiscal year
coming to a close and vote on the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget
and vote to confirm new Council Members.**

Please join in!

A Budget Review Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12, 12:30 PM (see page 9)

QUESTIONS?

Please contact a Council member, Pastor Gretchen,
or [Parish Administrator Karie Stearns](#).



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