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A Community in the Model of Christ

From the Pastor...

A little over a year ago, I wrote a song for our generosity emphasis called “Abounding in Hope.”

*We gather round, hearts lifted high, we take our place,
abounding in hope.*

*Christ is the host, calling you and I, we take our place,
abounding in hope.*

*Imperfect hearts that are enough, even when the road
is rough.*

*His truth is clear, and so we find, we are abounding in
hope.*

*All this grief that we carry, holding on to what was lost,
We lay it down at your feet, knowing that you count the
cost,*

*We catch our breath, we're not buried – no not yet.
You lift us up, remind us who we're meant to be.*

The past four years have been a roller coaster of blessings and trials. Pandemic ▽ down, church renovation △ up, Pastor Kathy's retirement ▽ down, tons of new members △ up, and now I'm throwing in a wrench with my resignation. ▽ ✕ ▽. It would be easy to hold tight to grief and loss in this churn of emotions and give in to anxiousness and despair.

But I find that hope is still blooming in earnest among us! You might even say that hope is abounding.

There are so many wonderfully gifted people in this community, and the body of Christ has never been stronger in this place. We are re-imagining what it means to be the church – letting some of our former programs lie fallow while new ministries spring up fresh in their place. The next year will be filled with fits and starts as a new pastor finds their legs, and I pray that your hearts will find solace in the fact that God is constant when all else feels like rough seas.

Remember this: I was willing to uproot my family from our home to come and serve with you, because this congregation is just that amazing. (Granted, just from Skyway to Broadview, but it might as well be Portland to Canada.). And this was, and still is, the reason: It is not any one of you alone that makes this place unique – it is the combination of you together. The DNA of this church is strong and full of loving kindness. Lord knows that this part of Ballard needs a warm, welcoming, “UN-frozen chosen” to help all of God's people remember that they are loved, and that they have a purpose on this earth. Your purpose is to love and serve one another and the stranger, bringing the Reign of Christ into the here and now. You are the familiar voice, calling folks to help them find God's grace.

Heaven is not some far-away place with clouds and streets of gold. Heaven is the Reign of Christ, and it comes close each time we embody Jesus' call to mercy, justice, and forgiveness – especially to those for whom it is unknown or forgotten.

Final Confession: I'm super jealous of the next pastor who gets to walk with you into God's future in this place. You guys are going to be amazing, and a blessing. Don't you forget it.



Peace and so much love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gretchen Mertens".

Pastor Gretchen Mertens

This is Just a “See Ya Later”

Over the past nine years, our congregation has been truly blessed to have Pastor Gretchen enrich our lives. As she embarks on a new chapter in her life with her family and as Our Redeemer's enters a new season, it's the perfect time for us to express our heartfelt appreciation and celebrate the remarkable work, unwavering dedication, and boundless love they've shared with all of us here in Seattle. We will deeply miss them!

Join us on November 19th at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It's going to be an Old Fashioned Lutheran Potluck so bring your favorite dish to share. Please drop off your dish by 11:00 am, or noon if your dish needs refrigeration.

GIFT: If you are interested in participating in a congregation gift [CLICK HERE \(https://rb.gy/67xuc\)](https://rb.gy/67xuc), checks and cash are also accepted in the church office. Please send to Our Redeemer's by November 15th.

HELP US WITH A SLIDESHOW: Please upload photos of Gretchen and her family by [CLICKING HERE: https://rebrand.ly/r7yj5d0](https://rebrand.ly/r7yj5d0).

SAY A LITTLE SOMETHING: During the program we will have an open mic set up for anyone interested in sharing a short story or just a sweet thought. Everyone gets 2 minutes.

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November 1, Wednesday	6:30 PM - Kid's Choir 6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Sovereignty Spirituality Zoom 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal
November 2, Thursday	7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal
November 3-4, Fri.-Sat.	LWR In-Gathering
November 4, Saturday	9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team
November 5, Sunday All Saints Sunday	9 AM - Informal Worship 9 AM - Sprouts In-Person Downstairs 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes Downstairs 10 AM - Confirmation Library 10 AM - Adult Forum: Experiential Church Fellowship Hall 11 AM - Traditional Worship
November 6, Monday	5 PM - A Women's Gathering Reuben's Brews Ballard
November 7, Tuesday	12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study Zoom
November 8, Wednesday	6:30 PM - Kid's Choir 6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Sovereignty Spirituality Zoom 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal
November 9, Thursday	7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal
November 11, Saturday	9 AM - Lucia Rehearsal
November 12, Sunday Generosity Sunday	9 AM - Informal Worship 9 AM - Sprouts In-Person Downstairs 10 AM - Swedish Pancake Breakfast Fellowship Hall 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes Downstairs 10 AM - Confirmation Library 11 AM - Traditional Worship 3 PM - Madonna's Book Group Sanctuary Meeting Room
November 13, Monday	Veteran's Day Observed (Office Closed)
November 14, Tuesday	12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 7 PM - Executive Team 7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study Zoom
November 15, Wednesday	6:30 PM - Kid's Choir 6:30 PM - LiVE Project: Sovereignty Spirituality Zoom 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal
November 16, Thursday	7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal
November 18, Saturday	9 AM - 4 PM - LiVE Retreat: Reimagining Church Vitality St. Andrews, Bellevue 9 AM - Lucia Rehearsal
November 19, Sunday Pastor Gretchen's Last Day	9 AM - Sprouts In-Person Downstairs 10 AM - Worship & Godspeed for Pastor Gretchen & Family 12 PM - Pastor Gretchen's Going Away Potluck 2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner Ballard First Lutheran
November 21, Tuesday	12:30 PM - Staff Meeting 7 PM - Council Meeting 7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study Zoom
November 23, Thursday Thanksgiving	Noon - Thanksgiving Community Dinner Our Redeemer's
November 25, Saturday	9 AM - Noon - Greening of the Church Our Redeemer's

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November 26, Sunday Advent 1 **9 AM - Informal Worship**
 9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs
 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs
 10 AM - Confirmation | Library
 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall
11 AM - Traditional Worship

November 27, Monday 10 AM - Monthly Volunteer Grounds Crew

November 28, Tuesday 12:30 PM - Staff Meeting
 7 PM - LiVE Synod-wide Bible Study | Zoom

November 29, Wednesday 6:30 PM - Kid's Choir
 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Our Redeemer's Mission Budget Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (Thru 9-30-23) (25% thru the fiscal year)

Income	2023-2024 Approved Budget	Year to Date Income as of 9.30.23	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Envelope & Loose Offerings	511,100	85,377	17%	(42,398)
Church Use	88,506	19,285	21.8%	(2,842)
Fundraising (Auction)	38,000	0	0.0%	(9,500)
Interest	1,000	66	6.6%%	(184)
Special/One-Time Gifts	-	31,000	N/A	31,000
Total Regular Income (without Special Giving)	638,606	104,728	16.4%	(32,511)
**TOTAL INCOME	638,606	135,728	21.3%	(23,924)
Expenses	2023-2024 Approved Budget	Year to Date Expenses as off 9.30.23	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget
Social Justice/Outreach	74,549	11,621	15.6%	(7,016)
Pastoral Staff	172,820	31,628	18.3%	(11,577)
Worship & Music	38,382	7,513	19.6%	(2,082)
Fellowship & Caring	2,750	1,285	46.7%	598
Faith Formation	22,517	6,705	29.8%	1,075
Stewardship	11,419	923	8.1%	(1,932)
Communications	55,667	11,012	19.8%	(2,905)
Facilities	108,978	24,144	22.2%	(3,100)
Administration	150,615	27,674	18.4%	(9,980)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$637,697	122,504	19.2%	(36,920)

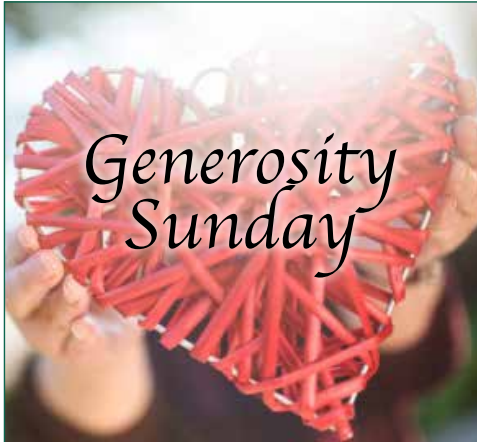
* *Special Giving* denotes a one-time gift that is outside of regularly giving.
 -Regular giving is below budget by \$42,398.
 -Removing the special one-time gift, the church's expenses and income show a negative net loss of \$17,776.
 -Auction is scheduled to occur in February.

For questions/concerns-please contact Parish Administrator, Karie Stearns at administrator@ourredeemers.net.
 Thank you for your support!

To view an updated 2023 Financial Snapshot spreadsheet for Our Redeemer's visit this LINK (<https://rebrand.ly/suk1vdp>). If you have questions or concerns about Our Redeemer's financial status, contact Karie Stearns, administrator@ourredeemers.net.



Living Generously



Generosity Sunday is November 12

November 12th is Generosity Sunday (and Swedish Pancakes!)

During generosity Sundays, we've been talking about money, giving, stewardship, ministry, and God's grace. Instead of a big push to have all our "pledges" turned in by November 12th, we are hoping that each household of the church take the time to double check their giving amounts and consider moving to regular electronic giving. (We still accept checks, too!)

We celebrate God's generosity to us and to our congregation on Sunday November 12th at 10:00 am with **Swedish Pancakes!** All are welcome.

A Special Message from Stephanie Fowler, Council President

The only constant in life is change.* Here we go, again, bidding farewell to our pastor. Thankfully, this time, we have an Interim Pastor we already know. Pastor David Hahn, who will help guide us through the months ahead and we have a dedicated Call Committee who has already updated our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), resubmitting it to the Synod. We know that no matter the length of time until we call a new pastor, it will not be as quickly as we'd like. We will wait.



So, while we wait, what can we do? We can continue to live into the vision of this congregation and celebrate the traditions which serve our mission and connect us as a congregation. Can there be the Thanksgiving Community Meal? YES! Blue Christmas? YES! Can there be Beer and Carols? YES! Lucia? YES! Christmas Pageant? YES! When we remain focused on our vision, and work together to make these things happen, they can and will.

Waiting to call a new pastor does not relegate our congregation to inaction or stagnation. Instead, as we wait, we can reengage with our vision statement strengthen our connection to God and each other and support one another. Seeking to help protect and honor this liminal time, your church council is beginning to nurture relationships within this congregation in a new way by intentionally engaging with each ministry group of this congregation.

As you hear from and see council members at meetings, where we may not have been recently, please know, we are there to listen, connect, and support your ministries. Council members will also help us hold to the vision of our congregation. By engaging in this way, our collective decisions and actions will be we grounded in what has served as the guiding principle for this congregation for a long time. A vision which has directed us with strength and vitality through prior pastoral transitions, multiple capital campaigns, the shock and grief following terrorist attacks, social justice movements, a pandemic, the daily constant that is change, and so much more.

**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 is accomplished through: Transforming Spirituality, Deepening relationships, and Building Community.**

I am sad to say "so long" to Pastor Gretchen, Ryan, Zeke, and Weller. Our congregation has been blessed by their presence and the numerous gifts they have each shared with us over these years. They will be missed. I am also excited for our congregation to discover together what plans and hopes God has for us which we do not yet know.

**The Greek philosopher, Heraclitus is credited with this idea.*



Worship and Music



Advent Begins November 26th! “The Gift of the Present”

In a season that seems to get busier and more chaotic (and expensive!) by the year, **Advent is a season that offers a chance for us to slow down, breathe, and allow ourselves to be fully present to the moment.**

Advent is a time of waiting and watching, seeing signs and stars, and allowing ourselves to savor each moment.

This year, allow Advent to be a time of renewal and sabbath away from the bustle of the season. Let the quiet of the sanctuary remind you that God walks with you through it all. In times of change and challenge like we face now as a congregation and in the world, it can be tempting to bury ourselves in the past, or rush forward into the future. But you are invited to be fully present, here and now.

As we celebrate each of the four Sundays with peace, hope, joy, and love, we find ourselves becoming more anchored in Christ’s coming, and ready for his light to scatter the shadows of the present time. Come to us, O Emmanuel!



Christmas Eve Help Needed Celebrating Christmas Eve takes many hands and helpers at Our Redeemer’s! [SIGN UP LINK](#)

Celebrating Christmas Eve takes many hands and helpers at Our Redeemer’s! We hope that you and your family might consider being a part of the ministry we offer together to our community. This is a day when we have the most visitors, and we want to be wonderful hosts, offering everyone an opportunity to experience the joy of Christ.

There are two services that day:

4 PM - Family Christmas Eve Worship: This kid-centered service is 45 minutes long, and is high energy and fun! Help is needed with:

- Greeting: Standing in the narthex with a smile and a welcome!
- Ushering: Handing out bulletins and candles, helping with the offering and communion.
- Communion Assistants: Setting up, serving, and cleaning up holy communion.
- Technology: Lighting and sound for the service.

10 PM - Traditional Christmas Eve Worship: This service involves choir and orchestra, handbells and candles, and the beautiful telling of the Christmas story. Help is needed with:

- Greeting: Standing in the narthex with a smile and a welcome!
- Ushering: Handing out bulletins and candles, helping with the offering and communion.
- Communion Assistants: Setting up, serving, and cleaning up holy communion.
- Musicians: Bells, orchestra, choir—we welcome your gifts! (see next page)
- Technology: Lighting and sound for the service.
- Please contact Mandy Neill to let us know you are willing and able to help with one of our most important days of the year (welcome@ourredeemers.net).

Greening the Church

Do you love decorating for the holidays? Are you around Thanksgiving weekend? The Liturgical Arts team needs your help in various ways: purchasing a large Sanctuary tree, putting up trees and lights – inside and out- and preparing for the season! Contact Mandy Neill (welcome@ourredeemers.net) or Marie Lessard (lutequist@yahoo.com) if you are able to participate. We will be working on Saturday, November 25th from 9:00 am-noon. Thank you for making our church a beautiful and welcoming space for all.



Worship and Music



Welcome Gianfranco “Gian” Foddai Our Redeemer’s New Informal Worship Music Director

Please welcome musician Gianfranco Foddai, our new 9:00 am Worship Music Director, to Our Redeemer’s. Gianfranco, who goes by Gian (pronounced “John”), moved to Seattle from his home country of Italy in 2017. As a professional musician in Italy, Gian worked as a multi-instrument live performer, producer, audio engineer, and music teacher. In Seattle he has continued to develop his professional music career. Currently, Gian is the Music Director of Saint John’s Episcopal Church in Kirkland. He also teaches for Fingerprint School of Music, and plays live shows in the Seattle area.

Gian plays many instruments: piano, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, synths, accordion, mandolin, percussions, electronics...and he sings, too! Gian first Sunday as 9:00 am Informal Worship Music Director is November 12th. Let’s give him a warm welcome!

Gian first started studying piano at age 8, and continued to have a strong passion for music throughout his life. He studied piano, composition, and music and new technologies at the “Conservatorio di Musica di Sassari” (Conservatory of Music of Sassari), graduating in 2008. During that time, Gian also developed a strong passion for playing guitar and later became interested in rock music, funk and soul, electronic, and European folk music.



Christmas Eve Hand Bells & Orchestra All are welcome to participate!

Bring your instrument or learn to play hand bells to festive Christmas carols!

Practices are as follows:

Saturday, December 9 from 2:00–3:30 pm - hand bells only

Saturday, December 16 and December 23 from 2:00–3:30 pm - hand bells and orchestra instruments

Instrumentalists will perform at Our Redeemer’s at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24, 10:00 pm.

Questions? Contact Karen Lee, karen@ourredeemers.net. Let Karen know you’re participating, and she’ll have a part ready for you!



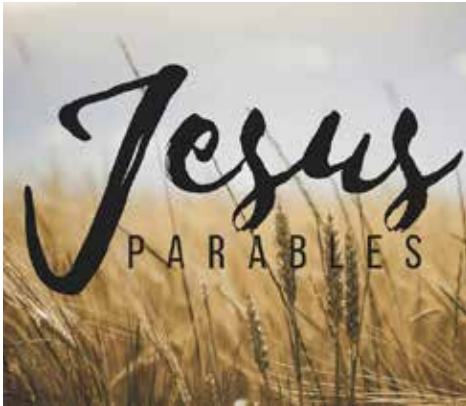
About “The Musician” Statue

*Sing to the Lord a new song, play skillfully on the strings with loud shouts.
Psalm 33:3*

The statue of The Musician in the northwest corner of the sanctuary is a replica of one that hangs in the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, Norway. The original was probably created by a Welsh craftsman in the 14th century. At that time, musicians were considered little better than slaves or thralls. **The statue was given to Our Redeemer’s in 1985 by Professor Ola Kai and Marit Ledang, as a tribute to inclusivity.** According to them, the meaning of the statue is that “regardless of one’s position in life, we all belong at the altar and near to the presence of God.” The altar at Our Redeemer’s is moved around the sanctuary and so the current placement graces the entire sacred worship space.



Faith Formation



Sunday Adult Forums Sundays, 10:15 AM | Fellowship Hall

Parables: Hunting for Hidden Truths

For three Sundays each month we'll hear from various facilitators, diving deep into Jesus' parables. These stories were meant to be wrestled, teased apart, and ultimately to turn our conventional wisdom on its head, once coined "spiritual hand grenades." As Jesus said, "come and see..."

Experiential Church: One Sunday each month, we stop merely talking about God and stretch ourselves to experience our faith through different aspects of life each week like creativity, nature, and embodiment. Middle and high school youth are welcome to join in.

- **November 5th – "Embodied Church"**
Meditation, body prayers, etc. with Amy Hammett.
- **December 10th – "Art Church"**
Prayer through photography with Mary Peterson.



Waiting for God Retreat: Reimagining Church Vitality

Saturday, November 18th, 9 AM - 3 PM | St. Andrews Lutheran, Bellevue

At a pre-Advent retreat, we'll explore how the practice of waiting offers space for vitality and renewal. We'll explore how the four Sunday Scriptures of Advent accompany us in our waiting and fears about the future of the church, giving us renewed energy, purpose and focus.

More information and registration can be found at <https://rb.gy/sbb39>.

Use Promo code: LIVEBUNDLE2023 to register for FREE. Questions: email Mandy welcome@ourredeemers.net.

All LIVE Project classes are FREE to Our Redeemer's congregants if you use the **"LIVEBUNDLE2023"** code when registering.

You can find the **2023-2024 LIVE Course Catalog** by **CLICKING HERE** (<https://rb.gy/sv8rb>).

Celebrating November Birthdays!

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| 1 Finn Purvine | 11 Billy Tung | 21 *Nancy Kristjanson |
| 1 Jennifer Seyler | 12 Robert McIntyre | 21 Gry Loklingholm |
| 6 Liam Dugaw | 13 Ellen Arrington | 21 *Leo Parks |
| 7 Aivree Watkins | 14 *Jim Freyberg | 24 Dan Malone |
| 7 Lisa Watkins | 15 Elijah Abdullah | 25 Kelly Germann |
| 8 Margaret Giesa | 15 Mary Gross | 25 Dana Wright |
| 8 Nicholas Grigsby | 15 Bruce Maresh | 26 *Doug Starup |
| 9 Jon Wright | 16 Max Myers | 29 Lily Rallo |
| 11 Amy Dovich | 17 Jerry Andrews | 29 Lorna Joy Williams |

* Birthday Blessings to Jim Freyberg, Nancy Kristjanson, Leo Parks, and Doug Starup who are celebrating their 90+ Birthdays in November!



Social Justice



A Thanksgiving Community Meal for All

Thursday, November 23, 12-1 PM | Our Redeemers

Please sign-up to help out: <https://rebrand.ly/1xjhx17>.

Each year, the good folks of Our Redeemer's host anybody and everybody for a no-cost community meal on Thanksgiving Day. **It takes about 80 (or more!) volunteers to pull Thanksgiving off**, and it's an amazing gift not only to those who get to taste it, but especially to those who prepare it and clean it up afterward.

In addition to the essential cooks and servers, we have one very important volunteer position: Table Hosts. Each table will have one person who dines with the folks who are there, helps to make sure that everyone gets food, distributes the free sleeping bag tickets, and gets to know the people with whom they are sitting. It's a special kind of a job - ensuring that grace is shown and that every person is honored at this meal of gratitude. Other Volunteer roles needed:

- Prepare the meal
- Dishing up the meal
- Washing dishes
- Photographer
- Carve the turkeys
- Greeting guests
- Cleaning up
- Set the tables
- Serving and Clearing
- Distribute sleeping bags

We need your contributions to help with the cost of the Thanksgiving meal, including the purchase of sleeping bags and wool socks for those spending the colder months outside. Please donate: <https://rb.gy/jlh85>.

If you have questions contact Lisa Thompson (egglayer@comcast.net) What a great community, and a gracious gift! See you on Thanksgiving.

Christmas Season Preview

Saturday, November 25, 9 AM
Greening of the Church

Help put up the trees, lights, and décor for Advent and Christmas!

Sunday, Begins November 26
Our Redeemer's Giving Tree

Take a tag to help give gifts to children and families in need from around Seattle.

Saturday, December 2, 11:30 AM
Caroling to the Homebound

Join Karen Lee and the choir to carol for those who can't make it to church.

Sunday, December 10, 5 PM
Luciafest

Tradition at its best with Swedish Luciafest, Cookie Smorgasbord, and traditional dancing around the tree!

Tuesday, December 12, 7 PM
Beer & Carols

Bring a beverage and sing all your favorites in the Fellowship Hall!

Sunday, December 17, 11 AM
Christmas Pageant

Our children and youth tell the Christmas story.

Tuesday, December 19, 7 PM
Blue Christmas

A mellow service for those who are dealing with loss at the holidays.

Sunday, December 24
4 PM Family Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

A brief service of lessons and carols with a special message for kids!

Sunday, December 24
10 PM Traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

With Handbells, Choir, and Orchestra (see page 7 for details)

If you can help out during the season, let us know and we'll find a volunteer role for you, Contact Mandy at welcome@ourredeemers.net if you can help.



Community



A Women's Gathering - Join In!

Monday, November 6, 5 PM | Reuben's Brews, 5010 14th Ave NW

Do you want to connect more with Our Redeemer's women? Then join us on the first Monday of each month at Reuben's Brews at 5:00 pm for great conversation and beverages! Sometimes we are a group of 12, and other times 4. No matter the group size, you leave with a full heart! As the weather cools we may huddle outside around the heaters or migrate inside. Come be a part of the conversation Monday, November 6th. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are available. Questions? Contact Kari Guddal at 206-790-1780 or Connie Sandstrom 206-375-5449. All those identifying as a woman are welcome!



Hope Was Planted in September

It was a brisk Autumn Day where six church members met on Saturday, September 23 to plant tulip and narcissus bulbs to brighten our Easter 2024 garden beds! **Planting the bulbs and knowing we will have a bounty of colorful flowers for spring provides us hope as a beacon of light as we enter the darker days.** However, hope in the Bible is different from its everyday use. Hope in the Old Testament means to wait for something with expectation and anticipation that it will happen. We are reminded every Easter and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Sister in Christ, Sonja Braasch



Breaking Bread Together

On Sunday, October 22nd we had 18 folks gather in homes to break bread together and build community! Mark your calendars for the next opportunity to participate on Sunday, January 21st at 6:00 pm.



Madonna's Book Group

Sunday, November 12, 3 PM | Our Redeemer's

This month the Madonna's are meeting at 3:00 pm at the church on November 12th. The book we are reading is **THE PLOT** by Jean Korelitz. The Seattle Library has many copies. Please join in! Contact Lynne at buckcomcneill@yahoo.com with questions, or just show up!



Holden Village 2024

Do you long for time in nature, more time to spend with your fellow parishioners, or a break from email and social media? Well, you're in luck! Our Redeemer's is going to Holden Village next summer!

The dates are July 14-21, 2024. There is an option for a 5-day or 7-day stay. The costs for 2024 haven't been set yet, but for 2023 they were as follows:

	5-day	7-day
Adults (18+)	\$685	\$889
Children (4-17)	\$480	\$623 (kids under 4 are free)

We'll have a **question-and-answer session during the pancake breakfast on November 12th** for those who haven't been before. Contact Cindy Anderson (cindyrowanderson@gmail.com) or Tad Anderson (tadand99@gmail.com) for



Community

Upcoming Retreats!

Rest & Reset Retreat

Save the Date: February 16-18

We are partnering with St. Matthews Renton and Faith Lutheran in Seattle for a brand new weekend retreat that offers the chance to experience a time of rest for body, mind and spirit and to get away with God. All adults are invited to learn new spiritual practices and experience the true rest that God designed for us. More details will be coming soon. Questions? Email Mandy (welcome@ourredeemers.net).

Women's Retreat

Save the Date: May 3-5, [Register](#) by November 19

After a few years without a Women's Retreat... it's back! Anyone who identifies as female is invited to Seabeck Conference center on Hood Canal May 3-5. It will be a time of building community, digging deeper, and finding inspiration in God and one another. **The theme is "Finding Hope in Troubling Times"** with guest speaker Deanne Wildermuth, a fun and personable retired Lutheran pastor. The cost is \$290 for the entire weekend. (full or partial Scholarships available by request). A \$58 deposit due at time of registration. The deadline to register is November 19th. Paper registration forms available in church office or fill out a google form here: <https://rebrand.ly/pytax06>. Please pay deposit by check to the main office or through online giving on Our Redeemer's website and choose "Other" and designate "Women's Retreat".



Join The Monthly Grounds Crew Event

Monday, November 27, 10 AM - Noon | Our Redeemer's Gardens

Do you smile when you pull out a dandelion, root and all? Whatever your garden happy moment is, from weeding to pruning, the Grounds Crew has a place for you! Please join us on November 27 from 10:00 am- noon and bring your garden tools. Come for conversation and working together in our front garden beds.

Do you like to decorate with outdoor Christmas lights? We need a crew on Sunday November 26, 1:00-3:00 pm to make the Our Redeemer's yard festive and inviting! Just show up to help. Questions? Call Connie at 206-375-5449.



Luciafest Rehearsals Begin November 11

Luciafest at Our Redeemer's is on December 10th this year! This traditional Swedish celebration of Saint Lucia's Day will have all the traditional trappings: **Sankta Lucia, her attendants, star boys, Tomte, Scandinavian goodies, and dancing around the Christmas Tree.**

All youth ages 5 through 18 are invited to participate in this festival of light and hope for the Christmas season. Rehearsals begin Saturday, November 11, 9:00 -11:00 am. There are plenty of roles for anyone interested! Come join us in this fun annual Christmas tradition at Our Redeemers! For information contact Marie Nordquist: lutequist@yahoo.com.

Youth Event - November Game Night!

Friday, November 24, 7 PM | Our Redeemer's

Due to popular demand, we'll keep up our monthly board game night! No preparation necessary, just bring your imagination and we'll dive back into DnD, or any other variety of games you'd like! (Note: there will not be a Youth Event in December.) All youth are invited!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 AM Informal Worship
11 AM Traditional Worship

Stream Online (11 AM only)
Facebook: [facebook.com/OurRedeemers](https://www.facebook.com/OurRedeemers)
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>

Church office hours:
Monday-Thursday
10 AM - 3PM

Join us for an old fashioned Lutheran
Farewell Potluck
for Pastor Gretchen

Sunday, November 19, Noon
Our Redeemer's Fellowship Hall
Program starts at 12:30 pm

Bring a dish to share with others
based on your last name:

- A-G Main
- H-L Salad
- M-Q Side
- R-Z Fruit-Veggie

Dessert will be provided



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