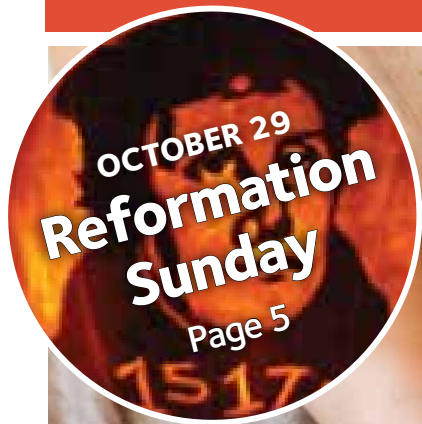


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# TheVisitor



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A Community in the Model of Christ

### Gathering the Gifts of God

Gathered. Together. Over the next weeks, we will be kicking off many activities that have been simmering and forming on the back burner this past Summer. Not the least of which, we enter our time of generosity and giving, a time to reflect on our community, how it is powered (by the Holy Spirit, hint-hint), and how we are empowered to serve and steward the gifts we have been given in the Spirit. And so, as we have been gathering again with gusto, resuming the life of the life of the church this Fall, we are once again given the opportunity to ask what gifts we have to gather, and how our generosity empowers the ways we too, are gathered to receive, steward, and share the gifts God has given us in community.

Stewardship has looked differently throughout the years. For some it is conservation and preservation, for others, it is maintaining and sustaining, but always the part that seems to get buried is the way God calls us as stewards not just to take inventory or to evaluate and assess what we believe we should serve, but what we can serve. No one who wants to offer a meal (like our annual Thanksgiving Meal) sets out without estimating a cost, or considering what is available to offer. A host must gather intention, and recognize what is reasonable, yet hospitable—what is generous, but realistic.

**Stewardship is not just about gathering, as if it were a hoard, but sharing the abundance of what God sets before us to serve.**

What is often lost in translation when we focus on what we cannot do, or what we can only offer within limits is our sense of what takes us out of a fixed reality and live into a reality in which God provides. Gathering what we have been given allows us to look for God's provender not only to us, as persons, but in the provisions that will feed not only us, but those we encounter on the way.

And often, the task of staff and leadership both lay and ecclesial in stewardship is to seek and point to the ways God is directing congregations to be refuges for the weary, hospitals for the sick, and resting places for the wanderer and the new face. At the heart of stewardship is commitment in good faith—trust that the ministries of a congregation are not only worth supporting, but also the work of Christ in the church. It is a commitment to trust that what God provides is for good work, and provided and effective in use.

Now, just as the church has many members, so does the human body, the Apostle, Paul reminds us that we are a Spiritual body, limited only by the confines of reality. In another instance he assures those living with fear or doubt or concern for the present and future, "all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose."

**We have purpose together as God calls us. We are drawn out of the many places in our lives to come together to be the body at work, doing what we believe and trust is God's work among us. Our stewardship—our serving of God's purpose is our call in our being gathered as the Body of Christ.**

But what is our purpose? What cells are we—what organ do we form as Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Ballard, Washington?

To understand that, we must gather—we are called to show up, to be present with one another and present for the times of celebration and thanksgivings, time for learning and repentance, and times of grief and lament. Our presence signals how God is present at Our Redeemer's. We cannot say a person looks well, knowing that a crucial part of the body is missing. We cannot say a congregation is healthy if we are not whole.

The good news is God never expects us to be fit-for-service, and optimally efficient. God sees the world as it is and our lives and all the demands that weary us and constrain us; in Jesus, it was revealed God knows the limitations we face each day. Yet, God still chooses to call us together. God still gives us life not alone, but as intrinsically-connected creatures.

**The Body of Christ is not limited to Sunday morning, nor ought we to think it is. Instead, the living, breathing work of God is present to us, in us, and through us, gathered throughout time and across the world.**



But in giving life to the church, God gathers our hearts and minds, and joins the hands that are open to receive as well as give. This Fall, we are called to be generous in our commitments, just as God is committed to us, our wellness, and gives us purpose.

*-Pastor Thomas*

# What's Happening in October

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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.



October 1, Tuesday	7 PM - Abide: Going Deeper, Synod Bible Study   Zoom
October 2, Wednesday	11 AM - Staff Meeting 5 PM - B.A.T. Meeting 7 PM - Choir Rehearsal 7 PM - LIVE Project: Faith in Public Life Course   Zoom
October 5, Saturday	9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team
<b>October 6, Sunday</b> <b>BLESSING OF THE PETS</b>	<b>9 AM - Informal Worship   Sanctuary</b> 9 AM - Sprouts   Downstairs 10 AM - O-Rock, Youth, Confirmation Faith Formation 10 AM - Adult Forum   Fellowship Hall <b>11 AM - Traditional Worship   Sanctuary</b> 12:30 PM - Blessing of the Pets   Front Patio 4 PM - The Journey   Fellowship Hall
October 7, Monday	5 PM - Church Ladies Beer Night   Old Stove Gardens
October 8, Tuesday	7 PM - Church Council Meeting 7 PM - Abide: Going Deeper, Synod Bible Study   Zoom
October 9, Wednesday	7 PM - Choir Rehearsal 7 PM - LIVE Project: Faith in Public Life Course   Zoom
<b>October 13, Sunday</b>	<b>9 AM - Informal Worship   Sanctuary</b> 9 AM - Sprouts   Downstairs 10 AM - O-Rock, Youth, Confirmation Faith Formation 10 AM - Adult Forum   Fellowship Hall <b>11 AM - Traditional Worship   Sanctuary</b> 4 PM - The Journey   Fellowship Hall
October 15, Tuesday	7 PM - Abide: Going Deeper, Synod Bible Study   Zoom
October 16, Wednesday	11 AM - Staff Meeting 7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal   Sanctuary 7 PM - LIVE Project: Faith in Public Life Course   Zoom
October 19, Saturday	10 AM - 2 PM - Neighborhood Recycling Event   Church Parking Lot
<b>October 20, Sunday</b>	<b>9 AM - Informal Worship   Sanctuary</b> 9 AM - Sprouts   Downstairs 10 AM - O-Rock, Youth, Confirmation Faith Formation 10 AM - Adult Forum   Fellowship Hall <b>11 AM - Traditional Worship   Sanctuary</b> 4 PM - The Journey   Fellowship Hall
October 22, Tuesday	7 PM - Abide: Going Deeper, Synod Bible Study   Zoom
October 23, Wednesday	7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal   Sanctuary 7 PM - LIVE Project: Faith in Public Life Course   Zoom
<b>October 27, Sunday</b> <b>REFORMATION</b>	<b>9 AM - Informal Worship   Sanctuary</b> 9 AM - Sprouts   Downstairs 10 AM - O-Rock, Youth, Confirmation Faith Formation 10 AM - Adult Forum   Fellowship Hall <b>11 AM - Traditional Worship   Sanctuary</b>
October 28, Monday	10 AM - Monthly Grounds Crew   Our Redeemer's
October 29, Tuesday	7 PM - Abide: Going Deeper, Synod Bible Study   Zoom
October 30, Wednesday	11 AM - Staff Meeting 7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal   Sanctuary 7 PM - LIVE Project: Faith in Public Life Course   Zoom



# Living Generously



## Generosity: God’s Work Hand-in-Hand

**A few weeks into October, the Stewardship Team will be hard at work, bringing us together for our season of giving and commitment.** This year, our theme is “Hand-in-Hand,” which emphasizes how our hands reveal the ways God calls us: our hands lifted in celebration and thanksgiving for the abundance and generosity God has shown us in our giving and work; our hands gathered and joined in prayer and supplication, asking God for what we yearn for in faith and hope, to help us grow in love both inwardly and outwardly as a community in Christ; and our hands joined and outstretched in support, extending God’s work through our giving of ourselves and fulfilling the ministries to which we are called, for the good of our community.

Please come to share in the good and exciting work of being the church together, and, hand-in-hand, share the generous spirit that God has given us in our gatherings.

**Generosity Sundays will begin on October 20th and conclude on Sunday, November 10th.** Save the dates for November 3rd and November 10th especially. On November 3rd, when we observe **All Saints Sunday**, we will also welcome new members who have recently completed the Journey, remembering, gathering, and supporting members of Christ’s church, both past and present. The Stewardship Team will offer a presentation during the 10:00 hour, recognizing all the gifts and commitments you provide in God’s name as members of Christ’s church. On November 10th, **Commitment Sunday**, we will focus on the ways we will support Our Redeemer’s mission and ministries. **We will collect Commitment Cards during the services on that day.**

### Our Redeemer’s Mission Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (16.67% thru FY)

Income	2024-2025 Approved Budget	Income Thru 8.31.24	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Envelope & Loose Offerings	515,075	62,136	12.06%	(23,710)
Church Use	84,375	11,470	13.6%	(2,593)
Fundraising (Auction)*	26,000	0	0.0%	(4,333)
Interest	500	21	4.2%	(62)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>625,950</b>	<b>73,627</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>(30,698)</b>

Expenses	2024-2025 Approved Budget	Expenses Thru 8.31.24	% of Budget	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Social Justice/Outreach	52,827	6,213	11.8%	(2,592)
Pastoral Staff	122,033	19,297	15.8%	(1,041)
Worship & Music	67,609	10,161	15.0%	(1,107)
Fellowship & Caring	20,727	1,990	9.6%	(1,465)
Faith Formation	25,904	1,732	6.7%	(2,586)
Stewardship	8,418	1,110	13.2%	(293)
Communications	49,985	6,920	13.8%	(1,411)
Facilities	168,944	38,906	23.0%	10,749
Administration	166,169	17,467	10.5%	(10,228)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$682,616</b>	<b>103,796</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>(9,974)</b>
<b>NET INCOME (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$56,666)</b>	<b>(30,169)</b>		<b>(20,725)</b>

Regular giving (envelope and loose offerings) is below budget by \$23,710 and regular income is below budget by \$30,698. Two months into the fiscal year we are operating at a net loss of \$20,725. This is in part due to planned facilities expenses that are incurring at the beginning of the year, less income from “church use” in July and August, along with income from the auction coming in later this year. For questions/concerns, to set up giving, or to change your giving, please contact Administrator, Karie Stearns at [administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto:administrator@ourredeemers.net).

To view the Financial Snapshot spreadsheet for Our Redeemer’s thru July 2024, visit this [LINK \(https://rebrand.ly/qnbQwsc\)](https://rebrand.ly/qnbQwsc) If you have questions or concerns about Our Redeemer’s financial status, contact Karie Stearns, [administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto:administrator@ourredeemers.net).



# Worship and Music

## Reform, Renew, Regather - October 27

### Reformation Sunday

This year, our Reformation Sunday celebration and confirmation ceremony lands on October 27. As is our tradition, come show your Lutheran church-spirit by wearing red, and supporting our confirmands, and their families as we celebrate their affirmation of baptism and call to serve Christ's church and community.

While Reformation Sunday has been mostly a tradition for Lutherans, the recognition of the history of the Evangelical (Lutheran) Reformation and its impact is not solely important to Lutherans and other Protestants, but any and all denominations that formed in the centuries that were accompanied by centuries of wars of religion, and explosion of religious thought that shaped European perspectives and politics to the present day. None can say that a cataclysm such as the Protestant Reformation was without pain or tragedy, but for those of us who believe in the power of God's grace to us by Christ alone, the victory is in the freedom to consider how grace shapes our sense of identity, our sense of purpose, God's presence in our world, and how our lives are shaped by wrestling with God's gift of faith. Our freedom to pursue our values and shared beliefs opens the ways for us to consider how the church is always reforming and being transformed.



It is inspiring how we may find all the ways we can be renewed and seek renewal when our world holds us back from living into the vision God has for us. And, it is comforting knowing that God is never far from us, and gathers with us, wherever we are in Christ's name. For a world that often sees grace as a reward, we still hold to the truth of the gospel: God is good and righteous, and because God will never break the tie with creation, our lives are bound to the life of the Spirit and by faith, we see Christ among us. God's grace gives us boundaries to maintain our communities, to ensure that the people of God share a common life and may, together, affirm, comfort, and lift up each other.

As we gather around our confirmands on Reformation Sunday, we are reminded of the Lutheran perspective on grace, and how faith in Christ leads us to see the grace and presence of God in our daily living.

Thank you.

-Pastor Thomas

**Your offerings help us keep our doors open, support those in need, and bring hope and comfort to many.**

### Ways to give:

**ONLINE GIVING:** Go to [ourredeemers.net](http://ourredeemers.net), and click on the "Giving" tab OR call (206)783-7900 x101

**MOBILE GIVING APP:** Download the free "Vanco" app. Search for "Our Redeemers Lutheran Church"

**MAIL A CHECK:** Made out to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church and mail to 2400 NW 85th St., Seattle, 98117

**DONATE STOCK:** Visit [ourredeemers.net](http://ourredeemers.net)-click on the "Giving" tab and find "Give...via Donation of Stock" link

**SET UP OR UPDATE YOUR AUTOMATIC GIVING:** Contact Administrator Karie Stearns ([administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto:administrator@ourredeemers.net), 206-783-7900 x101). She is happy to help you and answer all your giving questions.

**Thank you for your generosity.**



# Faith Formation



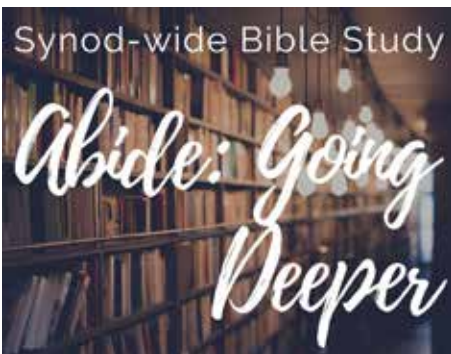
You can find the 2024 LiVE Course Catalog by **CLICKING HERE** (<https://rebrand.ly/7g4n6o3>).

## Free Classes & Events: The LiVE Project

LiVE (rhymes with “give”) is an acronym for *Living into Vocational Engagement*. **LiVE is a ministry of our synod that offers education opportunities for lay people, with the goal of forming Christian leaders able to make sense of God’s world and our place in it.**

**CLASSES ARE FREE TO OUR REDEEMER’S CONGREGANTS. USE PROMO CODE “LIVEBUNDLE2024” WHEN REGISTERING.**

Learn more about the LiVE Project at <https://www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project>.



## Abide: Going Deeper

A FREE Synod-Wide Weekly Bible Study  
Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom

LiVE retreats and courses are not meant to be stand alone offerings. We invited you to go deeper into the Biblical grounding of course/retreat themes in this weekly Bible Study on Zoom. Gather with folks from across our synod, as we abide curiously in God’s Word together. This is a FREE offering, zoom link **HERE** (<https://rebrand.ly/a77grvi>).



## Faith & Freedom Retreat: Biblical Interpretation in an Age of Christian Nationalism

Saturday, October 19th, 9am-3:30pm

Drawing on the book of Galatians, Rev. Dr. Angela Parker (NT professor and contributor to "The Bible for Normal People") will guide us through how to make sense of God’s Word in light of today’s cultural challenges. We’ll especially explore how to navigate our identity and witness in an age of Christian Nationalism. One-day retreat. Registration is free with Bundle (promo code here if you purchased a bundle- or \$50 without). More info and register **HERE**. (<https://rebrand.ly/27fcedn>)



## Synod-Wide Election Prayer Vigil

Nov 1-9, each day at Noon and 7pm via Zoom

Anxiety is high going into the 2024 election season. Let’s cover our country, our communities, and especially our marginalized people groups in prayer leading up to and after the election. People will gather on Zoom, at noon and 7pm each day (not including Sunday) for a time of guided communal prayer for the days surrounding the 2024 election. A list of in-person options will be provided.

Participation in this vigil is free and no registration is required. Zoom links and a list of in-person options found can be found **HERE** (<https://rebrand.ly/lydvdz7>).



# Faith Formation

## Youth Group Update by Pastor Thomas

Over the past months, I have met with Andrew Shimer and other leaders involved with our Faith Formation programming. **It has been a good thing that we rethink and review our practices to educate, to foster and grow in our faith as a community of many experiences and many age groups.** In all of these things, programming and curriculum center our thought.

Still, just as adults need social time, how we build community and foster in those still growing into adulthood a sense of grounding and life in community that is not only supportive, but challenges us to grow as people.

**It is clear that younger generations possess a sense of connectedness that many of us took for granted. Through a pandemic and isolation, with the same view of a world that seems perilous as anyone can witness and experience, the generations that further our humanity and sense of solidarity grow our sense of hope.**

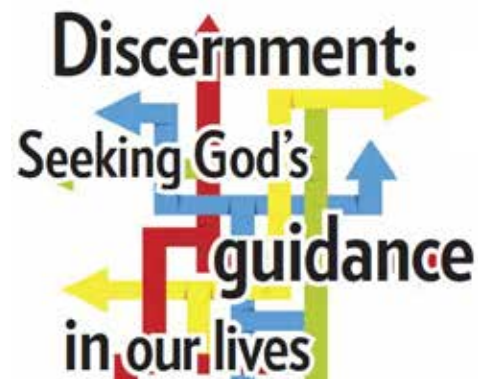
It is with this perspective that Andrew Shimer and I looked carefully at the history of youth experiences and events over the past few years, and determined a way forward. We would like to start simple, with a monthly youth meeting that includes confirmands, and those entering grades seven through twelve. Thanks to the insights of Betsy Macgregor and Many Niell, we would like these meetings to be convenient for the youth of this church, and the friends they might invite. So, the proposal is to determine an evening to have dinner together, when I (Pastor Thomas), and other chaperones can meet our youth where they are, care for them and their needs, engage them in deep conversations about faith and life, grow our group, and grow our community's support and accompaniment as youth complete confirmation and prepare for life after high school. We hope to be able to have a fun excursion (like a day hike, kayaking adventure, or visit to an exhibit, a film, a show, or concert) each quarter, with a service project (this Fall is our Annual Thanksgiving Meal) as well. Parents, please look to upcoming communications asking for input, and how we can best provide space and experience for the youth of Our Redeemers, especially beyond confirmation.

## Adult Forums – October & November

Sundays, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

**Join us Sundays at 10:00 am for discussions and study on discernment.** The forums on October 27 (Reformation Sunday) and November 3 (All Saints Sunday) will feature special topics. Come, and together we will consider how we are answering our call to be Christ's community in this time and place, and with what gifts we have to share.

**Two sessions will be intergenerational—all ages are invited—to Embodiment Church, where we will engage in spiritual practices that ground us, stretch us, and help us listen for God moving among us.** After we serve our annual Thanksgiving meal, we'll take time on November 24 to reflect on our discernment and how participating in that ministry with our community informs how we believe we are being called together, as well as what is needed to sustain our ministry and further discernment. Come be part of these important discussions and learning opportunities!



## Beyond God's Work, Our Hands

Last month, we celebrated in liturgy and discussion the many ways God uses our hands and works good for our community. As part of the ELCA celebration of God's Work. Our Hands, we had a good visual on all the ministries, activities, and ways we participate beyond God's Work, Our Hands in the Body of Christ as many sign up sheets filled tables in the Fellowship Hall for the Involvement/Ministry Fair.

**The gifts of God are truly the people of God, and we are what we receive.** To ground us in commitment out of our community discernment, we will be hosting a fun event as we close our adult forums this season, drawing on our sense of call and passions for service and engagement. Please attend Faith Formation forums and participate in discussions that lead us to excitedly choose which ways our community can best live into our shared sense of direction and call! Your presence is involvement!



# Community

## Movie Night! "Coco"

November 2, 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

All are invited to come on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6:30 pm for a movie night in the sanctuary! **In honor of Dia de Muertos, we will be watching the Disney animated film. "Coco."** Pastor Thomas will share a little information about the holiday, and its history.

Consider bringing sleeping bags/pillows to sit on the floor (chairs will also be provided), and any candy you got from Halloween to snack on! Atole (a Mexican hot beverage), cocoa, water, and Popcorn will be provided!



**If you want, bring photos of family members you'd like to remember, and leave the photos overnight on our remembrance table for our All Saints Sunday celebrations that Sunday!**



## Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 6, 12:30 PM

Join us in celebrating the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi with our annual pet blessing, held on the first Sunday of each October. Pets are a cherished part of our lives, and this is a special opportunity to honor them as the gifts from God they truly are. **On Sunday, October 6th, bring your beloved animals—whether they have fur, feathers, or fins**—to receive a blessing. Each pet will receive a St. Francis tag for their collar as a token of this sacred moment. The blessing will take place on the front patio at 12:30 pm, and all are welcome to bring their animal companions to be part of the worship service. We look forward to celebrating all of God's creatures with you!



## October Grounds Crew Work Party

Monday, October 28, 10 AM - Noon | Our Redeemer's Gardens

Come build new church friendships as we tend our church landscaping! Newbie gardeners, experienced pruners and just plain curious folks are all invited. Join us October 28, 10:00 am - noon in the front of the church. Come for an hour or stay the entire time. Tools are provided but you are welcome to bring your own. Questions? Contact Grounds Crew leads: Carol Hurlburt - [chtd015@gmail.com](mailto:chtd015@gmail.com) or Connie Sandstrom, [conniesandstrom05@gmail.com](mailto:conniesandstrom05@gmail.com) .





# Community



## Luciafest Celebrates 60 Years

December 8, 5 PM | Our Redeemer's  
Rehearsals Begin November 9

Luciafest at Our Redeemer's is on December 8th 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 9, 9-11 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](mailto:lutequist@yahoo.com).



## Church Ladies Beer Night

Monday, October 7, 5 PM | Old Stove Gardens Brewery

Join a vibrant group of Our Redeemer's women who meet to just have fun once a month over libations and food. It's an opportunity to socialize, support one another, make new friends, and deepen our connections to each other and to Our Redeemer's! If you identify as female we'd love for you to join us. The group meets on the first Monday of each month. Join us on October 7 at 5:00 pm at Old Stove Gardens Brewery, 1550 NW 49th St, near the Ballard Bridge. They offer a variety of delicious foods and beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. There is free parking nearby. (Learn more about the venue at [www.oldstove.com/gardens](http://www.oldstove.com/gardens).)



If you have questions or need a ride, feel free to contact Kari Guddal at [kari\\_guddal@outlook.com](mailto:kari_guddal@outlook.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

## "Breaking Bread Together" Dinners Return

Do you have a desire to get to know more people at Our Redeemer's and foster a deeper sense of community? Our Breaking Bread Sunday evening dinners are back! Six people will gather at someone's house for a potluck-style dinner and conversation. Our first Breaking Bread Group is set for Sunday, November 10th. We are seeking hosts as well as dinner participants. **Contact: Cindy Anderson** if you're interested in hosting or attending ([cindyrowanderson@gmail.com](mailto:cindyrowanderson@gmail.com)).



## Breaking Bread Together Sunday, November 10, 6 PM



# Social Justice



## Lutheran World Relief School Kits are Completed - Now What?

We are excited to share that we have completed 104 school kits, packed into 13 boxes of 8 each. We're incredibly grateful for the early donations that allowed us to take advantage of back-to-school sales!

Currently, we do not have any quilts or other kits to send, but we are hopeful that more sewers will join us in making quilt tops from home. Janet Woodfield has been instrumental in making many quilt tops over the past few years for both graduates and Lutheran World Relief.

The loading of the donations will take place in our parking lot on November 1st and 2nd. The schedule is as follows: Friday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. We would greatly appreciate any donations of food to serve our dedicated loaders.



If you are available to help load the trucks, we welcome your support! Eric and Niels Running are knowledgeable contacts for any questions, as they have been involved in the loading process for many years. Donations to assist with shipping costs are also greatly appreciated.

Join us this fall for the loading event—we would love to give you a tour and show you how your support is making a difference! Thank you.

### What we need now:

- Sewers to make quilt tops at home.
- Help with loading the trucks on November 1 & 2.
- Donations of food to serve the loaders on November 1 & 2.
- Donations of money to offset shipping costs.

For information on what is needed or how to participate, please contact Sharon Longaker at (206) 393-2881.

## Celebrating October Birthdays!

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Susan Ulrich-Angell | 15 Marie Brissette           | 22 Noel Wannebo             |
| 2 Tricia Kloth        | 15 Marjorie Minus            | 22 John Borgmeyer           |
| 2 Jean McCarthy       | 15 Elizabeth Prentice        | 23 Zach McCarthy-Fredericks |
| 7 Denise Ecklund      | 16 Katlin Dickinson-Laurence | 23 Nancy Oldenkamp          |
| 7 Lily Lowe           | 16 Karen Soine               | 25 Paul Hendricks           |
| 8 Thomas Voelp        | 16 Kari Trigstad             | 26 John Ellingboe           |
| 9 Kari Guddal         | 17 Linda Christensen         | 26 Joey Niedner             |
| 11 Patrick Brady      | 17 Dave Eicke                | 27 Madeleine Fowler         |
| 11 Jenny Fredericks   | 17 Tim Watkins               | 28 John Gibson              |
| 11 Max Perry          | 18 Elizabeth Beranek         | 28 Scott Chrisman           |
| 12 Melanie Olson      | 18 Valerie Tung              | 30 Maria Maier              |
| 13 Lake Neill         | 19 Skylar Perry              | 31 Jordan Holt              |



# Social Justice



**FREE Recycling**  
*unwanted electronics  
styrofoam packaging*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Saturday  
October 19  
10 am - 2 pm  
IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT**

*Can you help out? Contact  
[ben.r.kalina@gmail.com](mailto:ben.r.kalina@gmail.com) to lend a hand.*

## Fall Neighborhood Recycling Roundup 10/19 Saturday, October 19, 10 AM - 2 PM | Our Redeemer's Parking Lot

Start collecting unused electronics and Styrofoam to recycle as we care for the earth!

Acceptable **electronic items** include: Laptops, Desktops and Monitors, Mobile Phones & Tablets, Cables, Software & Accessories, Modems, Routers & Servers, Office Phones, Telecom Systems & Game consoles, iPods & MP3s, and printers & ink toners. **Not accepted: televisions, light bulbs, household batteries, large home appliances.** *Note: all hard drives wiped to NISIT standards.*

Acceptable Styrofoam: Clean Styrofoam (no tape) and bagged peanuts; Expanded Polystyrene, also called #6 can bend, squeaks and snaps into loose beads. Examples are clean takeout containers, shipping coolers, Styrofoam sheets. **Not accepted: Spray foam, insta-pak foam, foil covered, pink, or blue insulation foam, hot tub covers.**

Are you able to volunteer for 2 hour shifts during the event? It takes many hands to interact with over 100 participating households. If you can lend a hand, contact Ben Kalina, [ben.r.kalina@gmail.com](mailto:ben.r.kalina@gmail.com).



## Ballard Sunday Dinner - Sign Up for October, November, and December

Ballard Sunday Dinner (BSD) is a ministry in which we partner with other local churches to feed our hungry neighbors on the third Sunday of each month. Many need a good meal especially as the weather turns cold. Please volunteer to help out. The next three dinners are:

- October 20
- November 17
- December 15

Reach out to Amy Borgmeyer ([amy.borgmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:amy.borgmeyer@gmail.com)) if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do!

**All the roles have lots of availability** - we'll partner up with you until you're comfortable. **Please consider signing up using this link:** <https://rb.gy/ea817>.



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 AM Informal Worship  
11 AM Traditional Worship

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

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



# Pet Blessing Sunday Oct. 6 12:30pm

All blessings given outside  
on the church patio.

**All animals and  
their humans  
welcome!**



See page 8 for  
more information.

