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Taking Church for Granted

Time is a fickle thing; or at least, our sense of time is paradoxical. At once it seems like there is not enough of it—minutes, days, years pass by without notice—and yet, it can seem like the things remain at a standstill. Our sense of time can be marked by the hurriedness of daily living; cooking and cleaning, hygiene and studying, work. “Is there time for the oil change we needed last month?” But time can also go by slowly; “when will that door be fixed?” “When will I fully grow into the person I hope to be?” “When will all this be changed?” The good news is that transformation comes with time and is all the time growing.

However, our sense of time has become the meter by which we measure our lives, time really isn’t the issue. **There is always plenty of time to live. There is not always plenty of energy to devote to living.** “You can do anything, but you cannot do everything” offers a modicum of grounding. Prioritization is a matter of weighing the importance of tasks. But even the most basic of needs—eating, hydrating, sleeping—though these are all important, how we prioritize these lies in our value of these things amid the cares of our life.

So too, is spiritual wellness. Sunday morning can sometimes give pause, but it can often feel hurried; “how long will I stay at church?”—whether service only, or fellowship, too, and factoring in community process and intentional, transformative experiences are all factors that insist to me how I use my time. But **if we begin to think there is ever enough time we can devote to spiritual wellness, there is never enough.** And there will never be enough if we see it not as the grounds from which our health and life grows, but simply a part of a schedule.

We live in a time when choosing church is really that: “Do I attend (or do I attend today)?” “Do I participate (or do I participate this time)?” “How much of my mind, body, and life-giving spirit can I afford to give in relation to the needs of the community of which I am a part?” The choice becomes a question not only of my needs, but the needs for growth and sustaining the congregation. Our choice to be present, to be engaged, or to simply receive sometimes is a choice weighed with our sense of self and our sense of time. **It means choosing church is not a light choice, but one of intrinsic value.** But therein is the gift; unlike how we factor in time to cook, time to clean, time to converse, time to rest, time to sleep, time spiritual wellness is not really a choice in faith. Faith is a matter of values, and yet, it is not one we measure in the scheme of time, but the ways which faith is cared for, and with our sense of abundance.

Abundance can often allow us to take things as granted. And, in a world that wants for time and energy even at the cost of our wellbeing, we can thank God that the Spirit is always there—it is granted by God for us. Within it is abundance of life. Value in faith can be taken for granted when belonging

to a church. “Oh, I can afford to miss that this time,” is a gift to notice the ways the Spirit calls to us out of the impacts on our bodies and needs. And yet, it seems like life in the Spirit is something we can never get enough of.

It is within this tension that value becomes the meter by which we measure our lives. No matter how much I feel activity as a congregation is important – life as a congregation can become part of weighing our priorities. **The good news is that no matter how much time we spend with faith, the Spirit not only has more than enough to share, but it is nonetheless shared when we choose to prioritize it,** in whatever ways we can.

But there is a caveat: we do not know when the Spirit will offer us the gifts we need if we do not pay attention to where it is drawing us. Yet, the Spirit intercedes for us regardless of our timing or making time to receive or attend to it. Nevertheless, **choosing church allows us greater opportunities to see and hear—we increase our chances to participate in what God is doing.** Taking that for granted looks different than taking other relationships or needs for granted; believing God is at work in and in-between us means stepping out in faith, believing that the power of God is not just present, waiting for us to make the move, but that it is active.

In June, we hired Lake Niell as our Volunteer Coordinator. Lake is adept at the tasks and prioritizes his time wisely. And what Lake is hired to do, like me, like Kenna, is give us more opportunities to engage with the God we trust is working through us, within our congregation, on Sundays and in our daily life together.

Some of these things can be as simple as a conversation about life at church; they can be as complex as questions about our current activities and how we are living together in those ways or complicated and difficult discussions that concern our wellbeing and growth as people. **Opportunities to notice the Spirit among us, and times to navigate the choices we make as a church that cohere our activities with our values and our energies.**

As we move into a renewed time, marked by the end of Summer and the beginning of Fall, marked by further time to be transformed, I encourage us to each day, each week—more times than not—take time to discern the ways our faith makes time and forms not only our values, but how we take advantage of the opportunities to experience the life of the Spirit for which life in Christ’s church takes advantage of what we believe: the abundance of time.



Pastor Thomas Voelp

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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.



What's Happening This Summer

July 26, Saturday	2 PM - Carolyn Davis Memorial Our Redeemer's
July 27, Sunday	10 AM - Summer Worship 11:15 AM - Wonder Wanders Meet on the Lawn
July 28, Monday	9 AM - 12 PM - Volunteer Gardening Crew Our Redeemer's
August 2, Saturday	1:10 PM - Seattle Mariners Faith & Family Day T-Mobile Park
August 3, Sunday	10 AM - Summer Worship 11:15 AM - Chalk the Walk & Otter Pops 10 AM - 5 PM - Art in the Garden Ballard P-Patch
August 4, Monday	5 PM - Church Ladies Beer Night Old Stove Gardens
August 5, Tuesday	7 PM - Church Executive Team Meeting
August 8, Friday	10 AM - 2 PM - Volunteer Gardening Crew Our Redeemer's
August 9, Saturday	4:30 PM - "Popcorn & Reels" Movie: <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> Fellowship Hall
August 10, Sunday	10 AM - Summer Worship 11 AM - Donuts in the Fellowship Hall 11:30 AM - Wonder Wanders Meet on the Lawn
August 12, Tuesday	7 PM - Church Council Meeting
August 13, Wednesday	7 PM - Ken Prentice Memorial Our Redeemer's
August 17, Sunday WELCOMING WISDOM	10 AM - Summer Worship 11 AM - Welcoming Wisdom Brunch Celebration Our Redeemer's 2-6 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner Ballard First Lutheran
August 18, Monday	5 PM - Monthly Youth Group Meetup Next Level Burger, Ballard
August 23, Saturday	9 AM - Wonder Wanders Meet on the Lawn 8:30 4:30 PM - "Faith in Action on Screen" Documentary: <i>The Law and the Prophets</i> Fellowship Hall
August 24, Sunday VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION	10 AM - Summer Worship 11:15 AM - Ice Cream Social & Volunteer Appreciation Fellowship Hall
August 25, Monday	9 AM - 12 PM - Volunteer Gardening Crew Our Redeemer's
August 31, Sunday	10 AM - Summer Worship



Living Generously

Mission Budget FY 2024-2025

Our Redeemer's regularly publishes a Mission Budget report to keep congregants informed about the current financial health of the church.

You can also access the church's most recent Financial Snapshot at this url: <https://bit.ly/4f69vJ5>.

For questions or to set up giving, or to change your giving, contact Administrator, Karie Stearns at administrator@ourredeemers.net.



Income	2024-2025 Approved Budget	Income	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Envelope & Loose Offerings	515,075	457,085	88.7%	(57,990)
Church Use	84,375	85,208	101.0%	833
Fundraising (Auction)*	26,000	20,747	79.8%	(5,253)
Interest	500	463	92.6%	(37)
Endowment Transfer of Funds		12,376		
TOTAL INCOME	625,950	575,879	92.0%	(50,071)
Expenses	2024-2025 Approved Budget	Expenses	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Social Justice/Outreach	52,827	46,409	87.9%	(6,418)
Pastoral Staff	122,033	117,631	96.4%	(4,402)
Worship & Music	67,609	66,103	97.8%	(1,506)
Fellowship & Caring	20,727	8,777	42.3%	(11,950)
Faith Formation	25,904	20,063	77.5%	(5,841)
Stewardship	8,418	8,237	97.9%	(181)
Communications	49,985	46,862	93.8%	(3,123)
Facilities	168,944	157,928	93.5%	(11,016)
Administration	166,169	130,923	78.8%	(35,246)
TOTAL EXPENSES	682,616	602,933	88.3%	(79,683)
NET INCOME (Loss)	(56,666)	(27,054)		29,612



Get Ready for Generosity Season

Your Stewardship Team—notably **Connie Sandstrom, Cindy Anderson, Emilie Purvine**, and more individuals to be announced (perhaps you?)—is gearing up for an inspiring season of connection, gratitude, and giving starting in October. We'll be meeting in the next few weeks to dream up a meaningful theme, plan special events, and spark a spirit of joyful generosity in our community.

You are invited to be a part of the Stewardship Team! Together we'll come up with creative ideas and work together to help foster a culture of generosity to support Our Redeemer's financially. If interested, reach out to Pastor Thomas or Karie Stearns to get involved.

Calling All Musicians Your Gifts Are Welcome Here!

As we continue through the summer, we're incorporating a variety of special music into our worship services—and we'd love for you to be part of it! If you'd like to sing or play an instrument one Sunday, please reach out to **Gianfranco Foddai** or **Karen Lee** and we'll find a time that works.

Looking ahead to fall, **we're also welcoming new musicians into the 9 AM Worship Band.** If you play an instrument and are interested in joining, contact our Informal Worship & Music Director, Gianfranco Foddai (gianfranco@ourredeemers.net).





Worship and Music



New Altar Task Force - An Update

by Marie Nordquist, Altar Task Force

The Altar Task Force has been meeting on a regular basis. We've taken our time to get to know one another better, and explore our wants, needs and desires for a new altar. We've considered what we want to say to our congregation and to visitors about our faith, our worship practices, how do we welcome everyone to our table. What is the altar: Humble table? Imposing edifice? Something in between? We've spent lots of meeting time discussing size and dimension, what design elements speak to us. We've considered how the new altar will occupy the chancel space and harmonize with our interior architecture. And, how will we honor tradition while creating something new. It turns out that planning for new liturgical furniture is not like choosing a new living room!

The Altar Task Force appreciates your support and prayers for this project and we look forward to presenting the congregation with a beautiful new altar!

But, we're making progress. At our May meeting, we experimented with various table top shapes and dimensions, as well as height. Thanks go to Guy Michaelsen for the cardboard mockup that was so helpful in working out our basic vision. We now know what will work best for proportion, shape, and height. At our June meeting we mostly solidified our design ideas and are ready to move toward finding a craftsman.

Save the Dates & Step Into Leadership

We're looking for folks to step up and take on leadership or co-leadership roles for these upcoming events and ministries. If one of these speaks to you, we'd love to chat with you!

Thanksgiving Day Meal – Kitchen Co-Lead. Do you enjoy planning and preparing meals and helping feed those most in need? We're looking for someone to help lead the kitchen for our Thanksgiving Day Meal. You'll work closely with Lisa Thompson (co-lead) and collaborate with our Volunteer Coordinator, Lake Neill, to gather volunteers for meal prep and serving. Interested? Contact Lake at volunteer@ourredeemers.net.

Easter Brunch – Co-Lead. We're already looking ahead to Easter! Help organize and coordinate this beloved annual meal. The Co-Lead will assist with kitchen management and food prep logistics. Contact Lake at volunteer@ourredeemers.net.

Annual Winter Auction – Co-Chair. Do you love planning fun and creative events? We're seeking a Co-Chair to partner with Diana Myers for this year's church auction in March. Bring your ideas and energy to one of our biggest and flamboyant community gatherings – all for a good cause! Interested? Contact Lake Neill at volunteer@ourredeemers.net or Diana Myers, dm3myers@gmail.com.

Earth Care Ministry – Leader Needed. We're looking for someone to lead our Earth Care Ministry. This role includes helping organize the fall and spring Neighborhood E-Cycle events and coordinating the April Beach Cleanup. It's a great way to save the environment! Interested? Contact Lake at volunteer@ourredeemers.net.

Bi-Monthly Movie Nights. Love movies and meaningful conversation? We're looking for a second adult to help with our upcoming Saturday movie night screenings in the Fellowship Hall. Interested? Contact Lake at volunteer@ourredeemers.net or Kenna Hight at faithformation@ourredeemers.net.





Worship and Music

This Year's Synod Assembly Report

by Pr. John-Otto Liljenstolpe

Every year, shortly after Easter, the Northwest Washington Synod, the governing body of the ELCA in our area of the Country, holds a Synod Assembly. A working Assembly is held every other year. On the years in between, a gathering focused on the various ministries and programs of the Synod is held with the intent of familiarizing congregation members with Synod programs that might be of interest to them. At this year's Synod Assembly whose theme was "Woven into God's Story", Our Redeemer's was represented by Pastor Thomas... and John-Otto Liljenstolpe.



Among the most noteworthy decision at this year's Assembly was the re-election of Shelly Bryan Wee as our Synod's bishop. Pricilla Austin, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seattle and one of the leaders in our synod on issues of racism, received strong support, enough to make necessary a second run off vote. But in the end a majority of the 345 delegates chose Shelly as our bishop for six more years.

The Synod's budget for the coming year was set at \$1,784,274. The budget for 2025 has been \$1,653,825. For a more detailed look at the Synod Budget, go to: <https://bit.ly/413BeEo>.

While the Northwest Washington Synod continues to experience a decline in congregational membership, a trend which appears to be slowing yet still occurring throughout U.S. Churches, a number of new and innovative forms of ministry are underway in our Synod such as "dinner church" and "wild" (out-of-doors) church. A number of our congregations have merged with neighboring congregations. LMF (Lay Ministry Formation) has completed its second year of training with 16 individuals involved in two cohorts. Chinese, Korean, and Spanish speaking ministries as well as ministries focused on children, youth ministries, and those who have been unchurched or de-churched are continuing to thrive or are under development.

Of all the Churches in the United States, the ELCA has the greatest number of "full communion" relationships with other denominations. These "shared ministries and ministers" agreements are also reflected in the Northwest Washington Synod where a number of our congregation are operating jointly with congregations belonging to non-Lutheran denominations. Like wise some of our congregations are being pastored by ministers from other denominations. And in our area, there are Lutheran pastor serving non-Lutheran congregations. Furthermore, as has been the case for a good many years, our synod as well as other ELCA synods have relationships with "Companion Lutheran Churches" located abroad. Our Synod's companion Lutheran Church abroad is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia (ELCR). A partially successful attempt to meet with some of the leaders of the ELCR was attempted earlier this year.

A good many other details about how our Church is doing in this part of the world can be garnered by taking a look at Bishop's Shelly's Report to the Synod at: <https://bit.ly/4157Qh0>.

Finally, the Synod assembly passed several resolutions and memorials. The two resolutions dealt with Supporting Global Refuge's Camino a Casa Program and affirming the Synod's commitment to the Evangelical Lutheran Church In European Russia. The three memorials were concerned with: (1) an affirmation of transgender, nonbinary, gender expansive, two-spirit, and genderqueer people of God; (2) the authorization of the national Church's participation in national legal actions in support of vulnerable ELCA communities; and finally (3) a call for an end to the occupation of Palestine and recognition of its statehood in the United Nations. These resolutions and memorials were passed by the Assembly with little or no opposition.

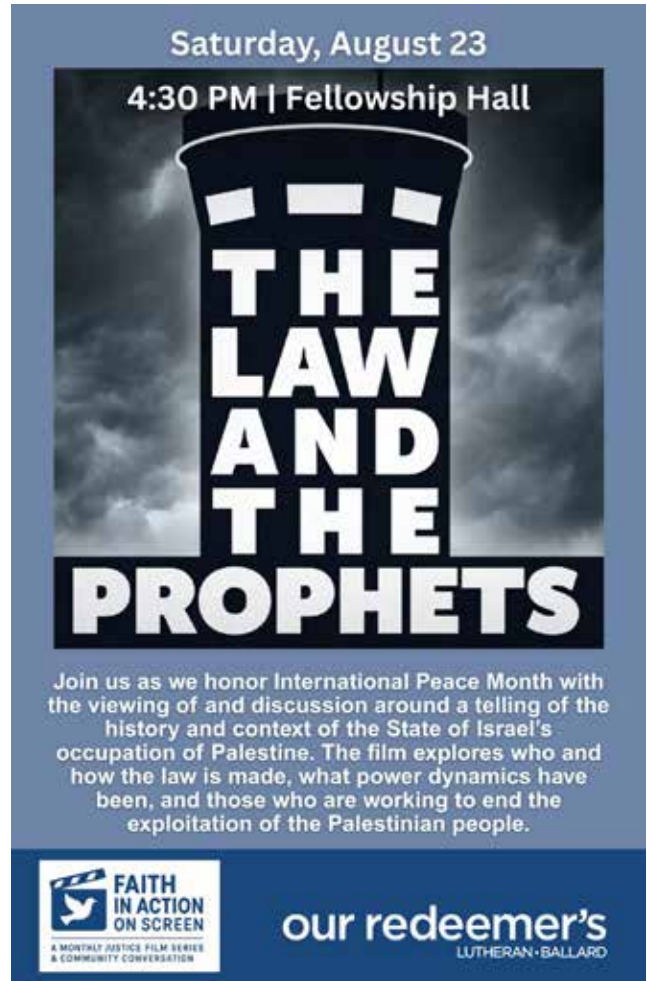
All the business of the Synod Assembly may be viewed on the Synod's website at: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly>. As a longtime participant in both the workshop assemblies as well as the business assemblies, I urge you, my fellow Our Redeemer's member, to consider participating in each of the upcoming workshop and business assemblies. I assure you that having done so, you will have gained a wider and deeper appreciation of the mission and life of our Church.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Saturday Movies in August

Saturday, August 9, 4:30 PM | Saturday, August 23, 4:30 PM | Fellowship Hall



Our Redeemer's offers movies monthly on a Saturday afternoon that offer entertainment, connection, and meaningful conversation. Popcorn and snacks provided! **In August, International Peace Month, we offer these two films:**

POPCORN AND REELS: We will engage a popular story, **How to Train Your Dragon** on August 9th with questions about the nature of peace and what it means to be a peacemaker.

FAITH IN ACTION ON SCREEN: Join us on August 23rd for a viewing of and discussion around a telling of the history and context of the State of Israel's occupation of Palestine. The film, **The Law and the Prophets** explores who and how the law is made, what the power dynamics have been, and who are working to end the exploitation of the Palestinians.



Monthly Youth Group Meetup at Next Level Burger

Monday, August 18, 5 PM | Next Level Burger, Ballard, 1401 NW 46th

All youth in grades 7–12 are invited to our next monthly meetup on Monday, August 18th. Join us for an evening of connection, conversation, and fun at Next Level Burger in Ballard. Come for the community and great burgers! Bring a friend and get ready to have a great time!



Faith Formation



New! “ORCA Kids” Coming This Fall

This fall, we will be rebranding O’ROCK to “ORCA: *Our Redeemer’s Children’s Activities*.” The year will be full of activities that are not only reflective, fun, and engaging but also encourage further conversation outside of church.

To engage with this year’s group of 6th graders, we will meet each week for discussion and activities that dive deeper into what’s covered in church, what’s going on in their lives, and what’s calling us to connect with our larger community, both inside and beyond Our Redeemer’s. Stay tuned for more information!

We are looking for volunteers to help teach and engage with the “ORCA kids” and 6th graders this coming fall. If you are interested in being in a rotation of volunteers, please reach out to Kenna Hight (faithformation@ourredeemers.net).

September Kickoff Preview – Join In!

God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday – September 7. On September 7th we join congregations across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to celebrate **God’s Work. Our Hands—a day to lift up the many ways we are called to serve.** After our 10:00 am service, all are invited to participate in small-group conversations exploring how we can grow in outreach, justice ministries, and meet the real needs of our community and neighborhood. This is a powerful opportunity to listen, share, and shape the future of our collective service. Want to help with the service or the conversations afterward? Contact Pastor Thomas or Volunteer Coordinator Lake Niell (volunteer@ourredeemers.net) and get involved!

End-of-Summer Celebration – September 15. Join us for our final 10:00 am summer service on Sunday, September 15. After service, we’ll **celebrate the season with a potluck picnic of food, fellowship, and fun—a** joyful gathering to send off summer and energize us for the year ahead!

FALL KICKOFF! – September 22. On Sunday, September 22, we return to two service times and launch our Fall Faith Formation programming. Stay tuned for details and a chance to sign up to help out on this momentous day!



“Wonder Wanders” Continues

Sundays, July 27, August 10 & Saturday, August 23

You’re invited to join us for Wonder Wanders—a contemplative walking series through our local parks and woodlands. Guided by members of our congregation with deep roots in environmental care, we’ll explore what the natural world has to teach us about God, ourselves, and our shared life. We’ll walk on Sundays, July 27 and August 10th following the 10am service, and then our season of Wonder Wanders will culminate with a special extended Wander on Saturday, August 23, from 10–11:30 am at Carkeek Park (meet at the lower parking lot before 10:00 am). We’ll deepen our contemplative practice and enjoy a more spacious walk.

This is purposefully designed to be both a faith formation and an outreach opportunity, so will be an appropriate event to which to invite your neighbors and friends.

Individuals, kids, and families are especially welcome on the Extended Wander with activities appropriate for all ages.

If you have questions, contact Mandy Neill at neillmandy@gmail.com.



Faith Formation

Get Ready to Take “The Journey” Starting 9/21 (Five Sundays)

If you are discerning membership with Our Redeemer’s, would appreciate a few Lutheran refreshers, or are simply looking to reconnect with prospective or current members of the congregation and community, you are warmly invited to join us for five Sunday evenings with Pastor Thomas and leaders from our congregational ministries. This will be an intentional time of discernment and community orientation.

The Journey is both a class and a conversation—a chance to ask questions, learn more about what it means to be Lutheran, and deepen your understanding of our faith tradition. But it’s more than that: it’s an opportunity to connect and grow in relationship and community-centered spirituality.

Participants meet in both large and small groups over five Sunday evenings. At the conclusion of the series, participants are invited to become official members of Our Redeemer’s on All Saints’ Sunday (November 2nd), as they feel called by the Holy Spirit. **The Journey is strongly encouraged for prospective members and those transferring membership to Our Redeemer’s.**



Each week focuses on a different area of ministry, theology, and spiritual growth. From understanding how Lutherans interpret scripture and why we worship the way we do, to exploring personal faith stories in a supportive, thoughtful setting, **this experience offers a unique opportunity to engage with the life of the congregation from the ground up.** Current ministry leaders will also join us to share their passions, explain what their ministries involve, and show how you can get involved and support Our Redeemer’s mission.

Whether or not you decide to become a member at the end of The Journey, it’s a meaningful way to grow in awareness, connection, and faith. **Even long-time members who haven’t yet participated are warmly encouraged to join—you’ll love it!**

Celebrating Summer Birthdays

JULY

2 Bob Carlson
2 Sharon Longaker
3 Jerri Harden
9 Steve Cromwell
9 Joanna Elizondo
10 Mike Hlastala
10 Ainsley Tung
11 Trevor Leffer
12 Victoria Grigsby
13 Anika Michaelson
15 Elizabeth Rallo

17 Harold Laurence
18 Riley Hammet
18 Sandy Haug
18 Griffin Kukowski
18 Betsy McGregor
19 David McBride
21 Sally Parker-Henderson
22 Sandy Box
22 Ben Kalina
22 America Mejia
25 Amy Borgmeyer

25 Frank Peters
25 Charlotte Wallstrom
27 Rainer Germann
27 Leslie Wander
27 Janet Woodfield
28 Mateo Frantz
29 Emily Forssen
30 Sam Hendricks
30 Craig Myers

AUGUST

2 Betty Goble
3 Theresa Forssen
4 Meagan Minus
4 Shirley Smith
5 Damon Knight
6 Nora Hendricks
6 Sue Schoolcraft
7 Jennifer Gleeson
8 Matt Neill

9 Judah Kukowski
14 Niels Running
18 Lee Cayton
18 Carl Christenson
18 Keith Hanson
20 Amy Hammett
20 Julie Josund
21 Holly Gundacker
21 Barbara Smith

22 Leif Loklingholm
23 Audrey Gundacker
26 Chris Glover
26 Sue Johnson
28 Alice Jancola
29 Cindy Ege
29 Stephanie Running
30 John Wilson

*We give thanks for the life of Kenneth (Ken) Prentice-June 05, 2025 (b. April 1, 1976),
and Carolyn Kristine Davis- June 25, 2025 (b. May 8, 1969).*



Community

Soulful Summer Sundays: Gather, Laugh, Belong

Join us for Soulful Summer Sundays, a spirited series of after-service events designed to nourish connection and community. Whether you're walking in wonder, sharing sweet treats, or honoring our elders, these simple moments help us grow together in joy, creativity, and belonging. Each Sunday brings something new. Come for service, then stay for the "soul food."

July 27 – Wonder Wanders @ 11:15 AM

Step into the stillness of nature with our contemplative group walk.

August 3 – Chalk the Walk

Kids (and grownups!) help bring our sidewalk to life with chalk. Otter pops and fruit will be available to keep you coolly creative.

August 10 – Donut Day + Wonder Wanders @ 11:30 AM

Treat yourself to a donut after service, then join our next mindful Wonder Wanders!

August 17 – Welcoming Wisdom, 11 AM

Celebrate the voices and stories of our elders. A time for honoring and heartfelt connection. Brunch provided!

(Saturday!) August 23 – Wonder Wanders - Special Walk @ 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Step out into the "wilds" of Seattle on Saturday August 23rd for the culmination of Wonder Wanders! Meet at church at 8:30 am.

August 24 – Ice Cream Social & Volunteer Appreciation

We're scooping joy in honor of our amazing volunteers! Join us for delicious ice cream, toppings, and celebration.



**Celebrate the end of summer
and thank our amazing
volunteers at an**

Ice Cream Social!

**Sunday, August 24th
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall**

**We'll be recognizing our amazing
volunteers who have dedicated
their time and hard work to
Our Redeemer's Community!**

**Icecream will be provided.
Email volunteer@ourredeemers.net
with any questions**



Seattle vs. Texas Tickets

For those who signed up for the Our Redeemer's Mariners Faith and Family Day, Eric Running has your electronic tickets in hand. If you haven't yet received yours, let Eric know (ewrunning@earthlink.net).

Once you have received your tickets, please reimburse Eric by check or cash. The tickets are \$21 each.

Eric expects to be at the Sunday service on July 27 if you wish to pay in person. Otherwise, mail him a check at 941 NW 96th St, Seattle, WA, 98117. See you at the ballgame!



Community

Keeping Our Gardens Beautiful

Are you enjoying how wonderful our gardens look at Our Redeemer's? You can help keep it that way by joining us to do some gardening on these upcoming dates:

July 28, Monday, 9-noon;
August 8, Friday, 10 am - 2 pm;
August 25, Monday, 9 am-noon.

You're invited to weed, prune, and care for our garden beds! All levels of experience and abilities are welcome!

All levels of gardening experience are welcome! Come enjoy the outdoors, connect with others, and be a steward of our gardens. Questions? Contact Carol Hurlburt, chtd015@gmail.com.



If you need a ride or have questions, reach out to Kari Guddal at kari_guddal@outlook.com. We'll see you there!

Sip, Savor, and Connect with the Women of Our Redeemer's

Monday, August 4, 5 PM | Old Stove Gardens Brewery

Soak up the summer with good company and great conversation with Our Redeemer's Church Ladies and enjoy a relaxed evening of laughter, connection, and community at Old Stove Gardens Brewery. This monthly meetup is a chance to unwind, share stories, and support one another in faith and friendship.

All women (and those who identify as female) are warmly welcome. We gather every month just off the Ballard Bridge at 1550 NW 49th St—where you'll find tasty eats, cool drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), and plenty of free parking nearby. Come as you are and let's celebrate the season together!



Madonna's Book Group Seeking a New Lead



The Madonnas Book Group is looking for someone who enjoys reading and connection to take on a leadership role and keep the group going strong through the year.

The Book Group meets at 3:00 pm one Sunday a month to review and discuss books, support each other and share personal journeys. The time and format is open to change. Books are picked by the group. All women or those who identify as women are welcome.

The group would like to have a planning meeting in September. Leadership would involve organizing meetings and getting the word out about the book being currently read. Whoever is interested in joining and keeping the group going, please contact Lake Neill at volunteer@ourredeemers.net.



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return service requested

SUNDAY WORSHIP



10 AM Summer Worship
thru September 15th

Stream Online

Facebook: facebook.com/OurRedeemers

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

Church office hours:

Monday-Thursday

10 AM - 3 PM



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