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day by day



A COMMUNITY IN THE MODEL OF CHRIST

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COVER: The Confirmation Class collaborated with BikeWorks and collected 33 bikes for recycling-- BikeWork's biggest donation all year!

INSIDE COVER: Another successful auction to celebrate and raise money to continue doing God's work through the Our Redeemer's community.



Our community, our calling.



- Katherine Hawks, Pastor
- Gretchen Mertes, Pastor
- Karen Lee, Traditional Worship & Music Director
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FROM THE PASTOR...

I am saddened and disturbed by the recent reports of shouting and incivility at a recent Ballard Town Hall meeting: <http://kuow.org/post/day-seattle-nice-died>

My first reaction was to the very fact there was shouting instead of listening and dialogue. What does rudeness and shouting people down ever accomplish to the good?

My second reaction was wanting to understand whether people were upset with the proposed tax, or were just fed up with a whole bunch of things they funneled into this meeting. Was it group think? A group who came intending to shut down dialogue? There were indications in all directions, from what I understand, but we will never know because there wasn't any real conversation.

And my third reaction was thinking: how important what we do and seek to be here at Our Redeemer's is in our time and place.

Mother Teresa said, "We have forgotten we belong to each other."

Yes. Indeed, we have. To even say such a thing is often scoffed at as a ridiculous fantasy made up to force us to give others what is rightfully ours.

Of course, on this, as on all things, people can and will have their own opinions. However, as followers of Christ, we are called to embrace Mother Teresa's wisdom whole-heartedly. Love your neighbor. Love your enemy. Take the log out of your own eye before you take the speck out of your neighbor's. St. Paul: Insofar as it depends on you, live peaceably with all people.

This is NEVER an easy way of relating -- whether in our families, at our workplace or in the community. And our faith doesn't command us to swallow all grievances, to never protest injustice, or to paste a smiley face on anything that happens. By no means.

Instead, we're called to remember that as part of God's family, we really do belong to one another. We're called to develop the habit of listening, deeply, to those who differ most with us, and to make a habit of "speaking the truth in love." (Another quote from Paul.)

As a COMMUNITY in the model of Christ (as Our Redeemer's vision statement reminds us), we not only discuss issues and differences with civility and respect, we really make the effort to hear one another's stories, lifting up our shared humanity, and celebrating the power of God's Spirit to make us one well beyond all differences. As David Isay, the creator of StoryCorps (on NPR), says: It's impossible not to love someone whose story you've heard.

Such practices are usually not dramatic in the day to day. There's not a straight line from Our Redeemer's safe community in which we can differ and be different from one another, listening, learning from, and respecting one another, to a world where this is the norm. But I believe we have more impact than we realize. We humans are susceptible to one another, and wherever you and I go about our daily lives, bringing the reconciling Spirit of Christ, opportunities for deeper understanding and stronger connections abound.

And IS there anything our world needs more right now - than deeper understanding and stronger connections?

This Pentecost we celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on all people, and how disparate nationalities and language groups miraculously understood one another's speaking. Let's pray God will use us to spread this sure hope and healing reconciliation.



God's power for life
to you all,

Pastor Kathy



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY THAT?!

A summer sermon series

Based on YOUR questions about stories and sayings of the Bible.

Write your question on the "Count Me In" pad on Sunday or email Pastor Gretchen or Pastor Kathy.

Series starts Sunday, July 1 at 10am.

Summer Worship Schedule

This summer, we are shifting our worship schedule to:

ONE SERVICE on Sundays at 10am,
&
ONE SERVICE on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SUNDAYS - 10am
Starting July 1, join us in the sanctuary as we praise God through traditional liturgy. Featuring the varied music gifts of our congregation, each week will bring special music from varied instruments & voices, and people of all ages.

INFORMAL WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS - 6pm
Starting July 11, bring your picnic dinner at 6:00 p.m., and stay for worship with our Informal Ensemble starting at 6:30 p.m. We will be celebrating communion every week, and have the same sermon & readings from our pastors Kathy & Gretchen from Sunday. Family friendly and fun! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, with doors and windows open!



Reconciling in Christ Sunday: More than Tolerance.

Real Relationships.

Sunday, June 24

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) is a formal designation for congregations who publicly welcome and affirm lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people. We have been an RIC congregation since 1994, and celebrate this fact every year with RIC Sunday! In celebration of RIC Sunday we will welcome special guest preacher Allison Bangfort.

Allison Bengfort (she/her) is a candidate for ministry who has been approved for ordination in the ELCA. Born and raised in the Midwest, Allison moved to Seattle in 2016 for a pastoral internship, and she fell in love with the Pacific Northwest's landscape and culture. Allison holds a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College, a Master of Social Work from the University of Chicago, and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. As a bisexual woman, Allison is passionate about dismantling systems of oppression in the church and the larger world. While awaiting her first call as a pastor, Allison stays busy teaching violin lessons, working at the Phinney Ridge Child Development Center, and playing lots of Ultimate Frisbee.

Centering Prayer

Thursdays, 6-6:30pm

A quiet pause in your busy life.

No experience necessary.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Annual Celebration & Auction Success!

Thank you for attending and supporting our celebration and auction on Saturday, May 19! We had over 120 people attend, which is a 50% increase in attendance from previous years. The live music was wonderful, kids had a blast in Legoland, and Tim Hunter was a funny and generous host, as usual! The food trucks were a big hit too!

Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$16000 in the live auction, and over \$18000 for our Fund-A-Need, focused on hiring a ministry consultant to bring strategy to our Faith



Formation process. Amazing and unbelievable! The giving and selfless nature of this community is a joy to behold. Massive thanks to our planning team – Paula Hlastala, Lynne McNeill, Margaret Wetter and Lindsay Rindler, to everyone who volunteered to set up and clean up! Thank you to all the auction item donors! Thank you to all the dessert bakers! It truly takes a village to pull off a fun event like this.

Here's a link to the slideshow of the past year in pictures that Jonath Ochs built for the event, reminding us about how much God has given us, and the love and grace we share. Let's do it all again next year! tinyurl.com/ORLCvideo17

Peace and gratitude, Pastor Gretchen





July 16-20, 2018

9am-3:30pm

\$75/child

Register today!

[tinyurl.com/
VBSCamp2018](http://tinyurl.com/VBSCamp2018)



Register today for Vacation Bible School!

Join us for 5 days of fun camp singing, games, and activities right here at church. Perfect for kids ages 4-11, this fun experience helps children learn the stories of the Bible, as well as just how fun church can be.

PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so I can make sure we have enough supplies and teachers to accommodate all our friends. We already have 20 kids signed up, so don't hesitate!!

If you are at all able to volunteer, here are some of the needs we have:

- Group Leaders
- Group Assistants
- Crafts
- Snacks
- Storytelling
- Games
- Music Singing
- Decorating
- Cleaning Up Afterward!

Please consider donating some of your time to VBS - this is a great outreach for the congregation, and a fun way to develop meaningful relationships with the younger people in the church. You can make a huge difference in the life of a child just by being here! Some people give up a week of vacation just to participate. Maybe you can spare some of your time as well. Thank you for praying about it!

Thank you! Let's all be CAMPtastic!

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
CAMPtastic VBS!
July 16-20, 2018 ~ 9am-3pm

Kid's Names & Ages: _____

(Open to kids age 4- 11) _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Authorized Pick Up People: _____

Emergency Contact Info: _____

Allergies or Medical Needs: _____

Home Church: _____

Name of a Special Friend your child might like to be with:

To register, turn in this form and \$75 per child
to:

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
Attn: Pastor Gretchen
2400 NW 85th Street
Seattle, WA 98117

Checks can be made out to Our Redeemer's
Lutheran Church with 'VBS' and your family
name in the memo.



FAITH FORMATION



Young Families Playdate

Saturday, June 23 ~ 10am

Calling all families with kids under 3! You are invited to a playdate at Golden Gardens on Saturday June 23 at 10am. Bring a blanket, and we'll meet at the play structure by the beach house! In case of rain our make up date will be Sunday, June 24 at 3pm.



Confirmation Camp

July 29-August 3

Confirmation Camp this year is July 29-August 3, and open to all current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. It is an expectation that you will attend confirmation camp at least once during your time in the confirmation process. We attend Camp Lutherhaven in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The cost is around \$300, and Our Redeemer's and student's hard work includes scholarships for each attendee. Contact Pastor Gretchen for details.



HOLDEN VILLAGE... **just a car ride, a ferry ride and a** **school bus ride away!**

Sunday, June 3 ~ 10am ~ Fellowship Hall

Are you going to Holden, July 2-8?

PLEASE come to an information & planning meeting Sunday, June 3 between services in the Fellowship Hall. This is an important meeting!

ALSO:

A few spots have opened up. If you didn't register but would like to go, let Pastor Kathy know as soon as possible.

Theology on Tap

Thursday, June 26 ~ 7pm

Janus Apartments (121 NW 85th St.)

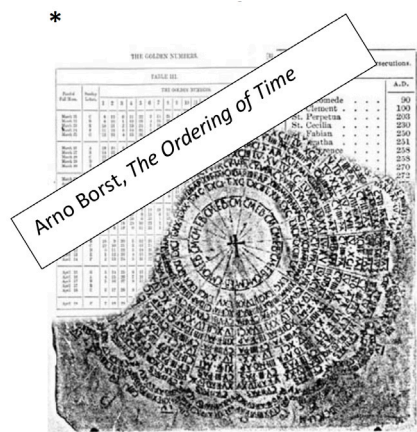
Join us once again for some friendly discussion of theology over beverages and snacks. This month we'll talk about the questions "What does it take to be a charitable Christian? How does your faith serve you and others?" Jesus tells us to love, so how do we manifest that in our community. We'll be returning to the Janus Apartments common room again this month. Bring a snack and or beverage to share if you can! And since it's an apartment building common room, if your item needs a serving utensil please bring that as well.

Wednesday's Bible Study

Wednesdays ~ 10:30am-12pm

by Carolyn Swanson

Is Jesus still living? Or is He just a part of long-ago history? Is He a real person to us? Or is He just a bunch of loving ideas? In the Lutheran faith we call the Bible a living Word and from Genesis to Revelation, our main character is Jesus Christ. Studying that Word becomes a present and powerful experience when we look at it in the light of a Jesus who is alive.



Wednesday, June 13, will be our last Bible Study until the fall. We are winding up our year-long Gospel work by looking at a collaboration of Jaroslav Pelikan by David Goa, *Anno Domini: Jesus Through the Centuries*. It is amazing how this Jesus has shaped and is shaping many key developments in art, music, science, politics, ideas, society and culture.

In a Letter from the Birmingham Jail, Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote Without Jesus and the Christian tradition, the civil rights movement – had it even occurred – would have been remarkably different. He was inspired by a vision of radical obedience to Christ and discipleship found in Holy Scripture, especially the Sermon on the Mount.

Steven Colbert told Oprah, that as a young man, he was given a New Testament by the Gideons. It opened to Mathew, the don't worry passage. Colbert said he wasn't reading it; it just spoke off the page. It's like it is talking to us directly with a harrowing challenge, which is to love your neighbor as yourself.

Lately we've seen a steep uprising of hate speech. We wonder where is Jesus? Then I got to thinking—maybe we can hear Him in a new chorus of people, young and old, who have never spoken out before who are now using their voices. They are marching, holding vigils, visiting congress, registering voters, making signs, lying down outside D.C. offices, and even running for office. They chant: "Never Again; Black Lives Matter; March for our Lives, Love not Hate." I quote a survivor of a school shooting: To the leaders, skeptics and cynics who told us to sit down, stay silent and wait your turn, welcome to the revolution."

*How would you like to use a calendar like the one above? It was the 6th Century when Dionysius Exiguus ("Little Denis"), a Scythian monk (from Iran) decided to commence the Christian calendar from the birth of Jesus. Note the cross in the middle. He was formally acknowledging the apparent absurdity – that, symbolically, if not literally, history begins with the birth of a Galilean peasant and continues until He returns.

In September, we plan to study Martin Luther and the living Jesus he found in Scripture; we will use one of the Great Courses. Making time for this "work" of the Kingdom is vital to our growth as one who follows the living one. Decide to do it.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Our Redeemer's Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 17 between services.

AGENDA

- Look back over the past year. Look ahead to 2018-2019.
- Strategic Plan Progress and Challenges
- Finances, including proposed 2018-19 budget for mission
- Thank retiring council members and elect new members
- Thank God for all the blessings and gifts of this year.

Proposed Budget and Annual Report will be available a week before the meeting.

Photo directories will be available for the first time at the meeting.

Come, ask questions, discuss, and vote!

Give Your Response to the ELCA's Draft Statement on Women & Justice

Sundays, June 3 & 10 ~ Library

As guidance on social & moral issues (never binding) our church engages in a nationwide process. Currently, all congregations are requested to read and respond to the draft statement on Women & Justice. Come to the library Sunday June 3 & 10 to discuss. Copies of the statement available at ELCA.org/womenandjustice.

Discussion will be facilitated by Shannon Beck:

Shannon has been attending Our Redeemer's 9AM service for a few months now, and occasionally offers her singer-song writer - guitar gifts. Her connection to this topic is a life-long interest, and worked most recently as the Presbyterian Church in the USA's World Mission Reconciliation Catalyst. She traveled globally connecting people in the U.S. with the work of global partners doing anti-violence and trauma-informed work in countries like Thailand and the Philippines, Madagascar and South Africa, Guatemala and Peru. Her particular focus was violence against women and children.



Faith Formation Volunteer Appreciation

Sunday, June 17 ~ 9am

Celebrate Our Faith Formation Leaders! Sunday June 17th we will thank and bless our faith formation leaders for their service throughout the year. Teachers and Faith Formation volunteers will be honored at the 9:00 service. Afterward, join us between services for cake and merriment.

BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION!



June 2018 Vision-Aligned Building (VAB) Update

The April edition of The Visitor included a detailed description of the VAB Team's "behind the scenes" work on our project since the completion of the Fellowship Hall phase. If you missed it, or any other monthly update, this two-page article is currently posted on the VAB bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or you can contact Don Boelter, Parish Administrator (administrator@ourredeemers.net, 206-783-7900 x107) for an electronic or hard copy version.

In last month's newsletter, it was reported in this space that as part of the process of exploring options for generating revenue for future building renovation work, the VAB Team had employed the services of O'Connor Consulting Group (Seattle) to provide an appraisal of the non-contiguous church-owned properties located across NW 25th Street from the primary church property.

On May 18, O'Connor delivered an over 100-page report detailing the value of those properties, considering both their "As Is" market value, and also what the properties could potentially be worth invoking the hypothetical condition that the property is upzoned from SF 7200 to LR1, allowing for the construction of townhouses, apartments, etc.

To reach their conclusions, the appraisers first analyzed the regional economic and demographic forces influencing real estate values, current and historical employment levels and population growth, household income levels, and the overall economic conditions of the metropolitan region and in our neighborhood. Next, they conducted a physical inspection of the property in order to determine the utility of the site. And finally, they conducted a sales comparison approach to land value, researching land sales with similar locations and/or characteristics.

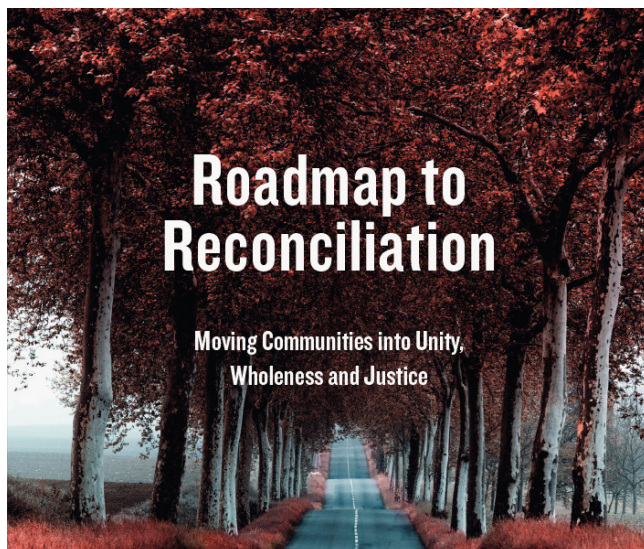
The VAB Team was asked to review the materials individually, and met as a group on May 16 to review together and determine if any of the possible property sale and/or development options would generate revenues adequate to meet our current project anticipated costs, while being consistent with Our Redeemer's Strategic Objectives. And if not, whether a rescaling of the overall renovation project is necessary.

Since there was so much material to go over in the appraisal, the Team will continue to meet as a group on a weekly basis to analyze the extensive information contained in the report. Once they have finished this work, a congregational informational meeting will be scheduled to present and get feedback on possible approaches to financing our renovation work. In the meantime, updates will continue to be provided in this space on a monthly basis, and you can contact any of the team members with questions or comments.

The VAB Team is: Mike Hlastala, Pastor Kathy Hawks, Jim Arnold, Kirsten Malone, Ryan Mertes, Guy Michaelsen, and Don Boelter, Parish Administrator (administrator@ourredeemers.net, 206-783-7900 x107).



SOCIAL JUSTICE / EARTH CARE



Social Justice Reading Group

Thursday, June 7 ~ 7pm

The Social Justice Reading Group meets monthly to discuss books that offer insight and inspiration as we continually seek to be a community in the model of Christ.

Over the last six months, the Social Justice Reading Group has been learning from Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil, a leader in the reconciliation and justice movement. From Dr. Brenda's book, *Roadmap to Reconciliation*, we have learned the importance of knowing our own stories, framing reconciliation and justice work as a journey, and cultivating courageous spaces for the difficult work of justice and reconciliation.

At our next meeting, on June 7, we will be discussing the final two chapters (Ch 7 and 8) on sustaining a lifelong commitment to the work of justice. Please join in, you don't have to have participated in previous discussions nor even have read the book to benefit from the discussion!

Contact Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net) with any questions.



Lutheran World Relief In-Loading Report Back

Congregations from around the Puget Sound region traveled to Our Redeemer's with truck beds and trailers and trunks full of Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, School Kits and Quilts – enough to fill up two semi truck trailers in our parking lot! These kits of care and quilts will travel to Baltimore for storage so that they can be shipped throughout the nation and world whenever disaster strikes. Thank you to all who donated cookies, other baked items and time and effort to provide hospitality to our visiting sibling churches! A special thanks to Sharon Longacre, Stephanie Dykes, and the quilting team for their hard work both Friday and Saturday of In-Loading.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for personal care kits, and helped us bless them and send them on their way. We've turned ordinary objects into gifts of God's love. If you didn't manage to get your items to church on time, we collect items year round so feel free to bring items in at any time and leave them in the designated basket in the Donation corner of the narthex. Thank you again!!



Feed the Hungry: Ballard Sunday Dinner

Sunday, June 17 ~ 5pm

Ballard First Lutheran Basement

Feed the Hungry-we need help with the June Ballard Sunday Dinner

In intentional and loving service to others, we live our vision as a community for the life of the world. Ballard Sunday Dinner is a neighborhood effort we're proud to be a part of, organized by five area churches along with Sustainable Ballard. Ballard Sunday Dinner provides a hot, wholesome meal every Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Ballard First Lutheran Church (2006 NW 65th St, Seattle, WA 98117). We at Our Redeemer's are responsible for the third Sunday of each month - this month it's June 17th.

Sign up online to help cook, greet guests, serve or clean up at tinyurl.com/ballardsundaydinner

A special note about the Ballard Sunday Dinner Lead position:

Summer is upon us which means many of our regular Leads are traveling! We desperately need someone willing to step up and help Lead on June 17th! If you have never held the Lead position before, I (Cara Kiggins writing, here) have a couple Ballard Sunday Dinner meal plans, recipes, and accompanying shopping lists you could choose from, in addition to a step by step guide for each meal plan. Of course the cost of all meal ingredients are 100% reimbursed by Our Redeemer's, as we use Benevolence funds to support this important ministry. Just email me, Cara, at outreach@ourredeemers.net if you are at all interested and I will work on convincing...er...I mean...encouraging you that you can do it! :)

If you are available the afternoon of Sunday June 17th, please consider stepping up to try the Lead position. You will have shopping lists and step by step instructions ready for you, and a team of volunteers to help you get it done!

Email Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net) if you are willing to consider Leading. Please!

Our Letter to the Editor

On April 10, 2018 The Seattle Times published an article titled "Seattle still doesn't know what to do with thousands of people living in their vehicles". Pastor Kathy and Cara Kiggins (Social Justice Coordinator) wrote this letter to the editor in response. We don't think it has been published but want to share it with the Our Redeemer's community.

SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR CARS ALREADY EXISTS

Your recent article on people living in their vehicles highlights a very serious problem. Thank you. However, you missed an opportunity to describe an effective existing solution. You mentioned the Road to Housing program, but failed to describe the part of it that has successfully put the majority of participants fully back on their feet. We initiated this program and were instrumental in bringing City funding and nonprofit case management together to support it. We fund the facility costs in their entirety, the City and agencies fund the case management. Over the past five years, countless men, women and children have used seven spots

in our parking lot, with access to bathrooms, electricity, kitchen and now, a shower and laundry. Most work and/or go to school, and benefit from the safety, respect, and, to the extent they want it, network of community support we offer.

We have learned much over the years, and while there have been attempts to expand the program in the past, they were led by people without direct experience with the program. We know there is no one size fits all solution for the variety of people who live in their vehicles, but this kind of cost-effective partnership between congregations with resources and hospitality, agencies who have expertise, and people experiencing homelessness, has proven its effectiveness. We are pleased to be working with HSD to identify case management partners, and hope this model will receive more attention, funding and replication as we all work together toward the systemic change all hope for.

Kathy Hawks, Pastor &
Cara Kiggins, Social Justice Coordinator

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church – Ballard



Road2Housing Update

We continue to make progress in establishing a new case management partner! The City of Seattle's Human Services Department and Navigation Team have helped us identify an organization to partner with and we're in the process of editing a Memorandum of Understanding for each party to sign. We're praying we will be able to welcome new guests, soon. If you have any questions or suggestions email Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net). A big thank you to the Road to Housing taskforce: Tom Bernard, Margaret Wetter and Rebecca Butler (along with Cara Kiggins and Pastor Kathy) who continue to work on establishing this new collaboration!



ELECTRIC/HYBRID CAR SHOW



SANDWICH SUNDAY



BIKE PARADE



BIKE TO SCHOOL



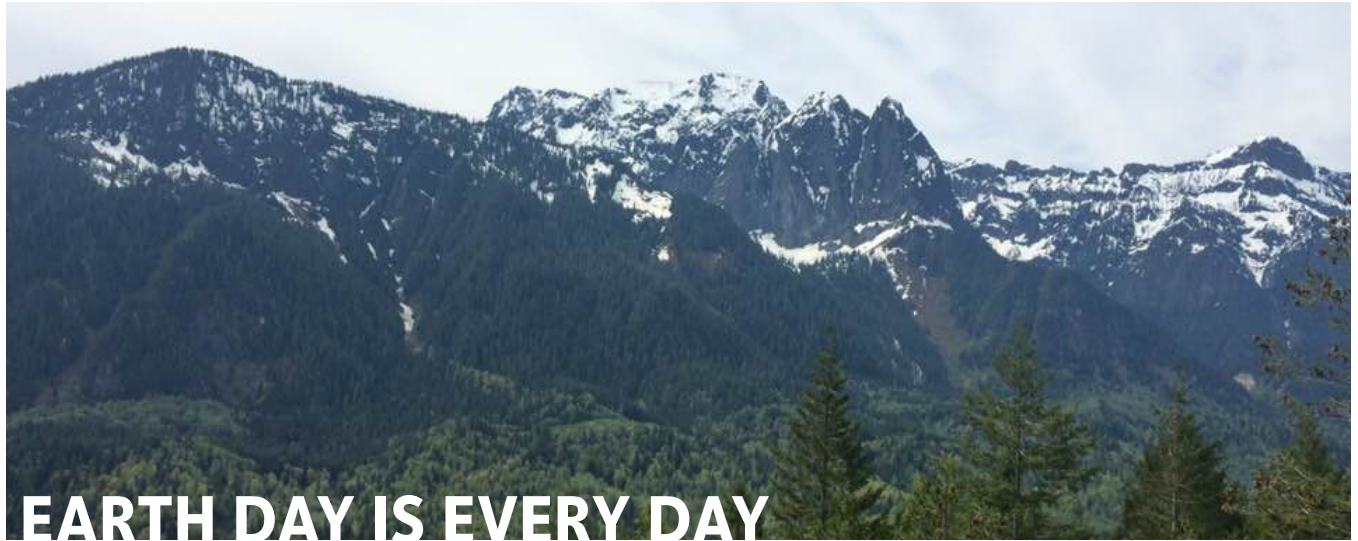
BIKE TO WORK



BIKE BLESSING



BIKE RECYCLING



EARTH DAY IS EVERY DAY

Our Redeemer's EarthCare emphasis is over for the year, but the EarthCare Team hopes we will all take what we've learned this year and think of every day as Earth Day. What fun and informative events and activities we had this year!

"By the Waters" Adult Forum

We utilized Earth Ministry's "By the Waters" program for three adult forums and learned more about what the Bible has to say about water, about our own water sources here in the Ballard area and our own responsibility to care for the water.



Thank you to Cara, Margaret and Hal for leading us in the Adult Forums and to everyone who made a commitment to doing something to care for water. Some examples:

- I will install a heated water circulating system to cut down on the water that is wasted while waiting for it to heat up.
- I will consult the Monterey Bay Aquarium seafood watch guide.
- I will replace inefficient dishwasher with water saving model.

Another Successful Recycling Event!

Our Ballard neighbors filled one box truck with old electronics and another with styrofoam, and we collected many bags of clothing for The Bridge Care Center and Mary's Place. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this event happen, you are all heroes for the hours you spent in a torrential downpour, keeping trash out of the landfill and helping to send clothing on for a second use.

EarthCare Retreat & Beach Cleanup

Twenty-six people enjoyed a weekend in Pacific Beach, cleaning trash from Point Grenville Beach, enjoying fellowship and fine weather. Many of the group viewed the film "Plastic Ocean" and learned why it's important to stop plastic at its source -- before we use it and before we need to clean up the bits and pieces of it that have made its way into our oceans and onto our beaches. (If you wish to screen the film, it's available to borrow. Ask Margaret: margaretwetter@comcast.net.) Many thanks to John and Linda Ellingboe for securing and managing our accommodations at Pacific Beach Resort, and to members of the EarthCare Team for planning the retreat: Margaret Wetter, Tricia Kloth, & Cara Kiggins.



EarthCare Hike

The spring EarthCare hike to Heybrook Lookout was enjoyed by a small group of hardy hikers. Our next hike will happen sometime in September, so stayed tuned!

Electronic/Hybrid Car Show

A special "thank you" to John and Linda Ellingboe, Holly Gundacker and Damon & Cindy Knight for sharing their hybrid / electric vehicles in the Car Show!



EarthCare Sunday

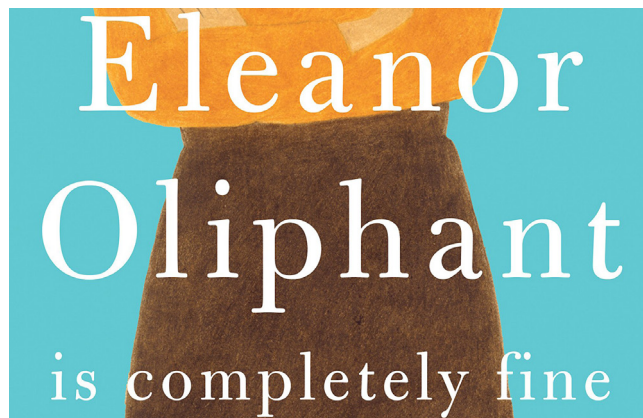
What fun on EarthCare Sunday to see everyone bike to worship and participate in the Bike Blessing and Bike Parade! Our thanks to Jessie Dye of Earth Ministry for her reminders of the Biblical call for all of us to care for this Earth that has been entrusted into our care. And thanks to Pastors Kathy and Gretchen for their early times out on the road, blessing bikes for Bike to Work and Bike to School days!



The EarthCare Team hopes this year's focus has inspired you in some way to find more ways to care for the Earth.



COMMUNITY



Madonnas Book Group

Sunday, July 1 ~ 4pm

We couldn't find a good Sunday in June to meet, so our next gathering will be on Sunday, July 1st @ 4pm in Barb Dougherty's home. Meet at the church parking lot at 3:30pm to carpool. The book we will discuss is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.



Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, June 6 ~ 7am

Patty's Egg Nest

9749 Holman Rd NW

Refresh your spirit with good company, coffee, and pancakes at Patty's Egg Nest.



Community Cuisine

Sunday, June 10 ~ 2pm-4pm

Community Cuisine is moving to every other month, the second Sunday from 2ish to 4ish. All are welcome. Our next gathering will be June 10. Lots of time to choose the recipe you want to make in the church kitchen and exchange with friends. Then, enjoy a whole variety of entrees later at home. ALL are welcome. No cooking skill or experience necessary!!



Life Masters (Seniors):

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, June 9 ~ 5pm

Mark your calendar and sign up in the Fellowship Hall bulletin board to bring appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert. All homes are in Ballard and there will be carpooling from church. Details coming! A great way to get better acquainted!



Pride Parade: Let's March!

Sunday, June 24 ~ assemble in the narthex after the 9am service

Please join the Our Redeemer's contingent at the Pride Parade! We'll be marching with other Reconciling in Christ communities through Open Door Ministries. Let's march to publicly affirm and welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people. So many have been wounded by churches in the past, and the Pride Parade is a wonderful way as a church to share a message of affirmation, celebration, and God's Love! We'll march behind the Our Redeemer's banner.

We'll assemble in the narthex after the 9am service and take the bus down together. Be ready for a lot of walking. Bring water, snacks, comfortable walking shoes, your bus fare- and all the rainbow items you can find!!

A Meal with our Muslim Neighbors



Thank you to everyone who attended the May 5th Friendship Potluck at Idriss Mosque. Thank you especially to Ruby Bratner who, at 101 years old, was the most senior person at the potluck! This was the last potluck before the month of Ramadan begins sundown on May 15th. Idriss may host an Iftar (breaking of the fast after sundown) during Ramadan, and we'll be sure to share any information about an Iftar as soon as we have it! Other than a potential Iftar during Ramadan, the next potluck gathering might not be until the Mosque's big annual BBQ in August.

Thank you again for participating – these potlucks are a way to show solidarity with our Muslim neighbors while also getting to know each other and enjoy a good meal! Contact Cara Kiggins (outreach@ourredeemers.net) with any questions.



Dear Members of Our Redeemer's,

Thank you for a beautiful and meaningful plaque. I will always cherish it. As it sits on my shelf next to my living room chair, I will remember to pray for you. It has been an honor to serve God and you the past 12 years. May you continue to experience God's love for you. I will miss you!

*God be with you,
Mrs. Mac*



Photo Directory Update

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a photo or got their picture taken on one of the Sunday's in March. We are currently going through each member and updating our current records and will be contacting you if we still need any information. If you have not yet submitted a photo, please do so ASAP to Nancy OldenKamp (office@ourredeemers.net). Jonath will be available again on Sunday, June 3 & 10 from 8-9am and 10-11am to take pictures.

Thank you!

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Art in the Garden



July 28th

10AM to 5PM

Ballard P-Patch
8527 25th Ave NW

Artists Booths

Kids Activities

Beer Garden

Wine Grab

Bake Sale

Ice Cream

Working Artists

Free Parking





A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

a memorial service for

Barbara K. Padre

Saturday, July 7, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Reception to follow

Trinity Lutheran Church

6215 196th St. SW

Lynnwood, Wash.

*You are encouraged to include in your attire an element of red,
Barb's favorite color.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts to ELCA World Hunger
www.elca.org/hunger*



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PLUMS: PLU Matching Scholarship Program

Pacific Lutheran University will match individual scholarships provided by congregations within the church up to \$1,000 per student/per year, under its PLUMS program. If you would like to contribute to this program, and help provide financial assistance to undergraduate students from our congregation, please make out a check to Our Redeemer's and note in the memo line "PLUMS." Please note: under IRS regulations, donations cannot be designated for a specific student. If you know of a full-time, undergraduate student enrolled at PLU in the Fall, please have him/her contact Don Boelter, Parish Administrator (administrator@ourredeemers.net, 206-783-7900 x1007) to find out how to apply.

Application deadline is July 31, 2018.



Dear Church,

Thank you for helping me grow this kid, Samuel Altenberger. We first came to Our Redeemer's a few month's before he was born in 1996. You welcomed us graciously one Palm Sunday and his dad, Tom, and I felt an instant desire to be a part of this community. You've seen me through divorce and job loss and always gave both Sam and me a place to belong and grow. You've educated, encouraged, mentored, and celebrated Sam in ways beyond measure. You consistently made sure he felt important and valued; his voice was heard and opinions mattered. You sent him on a service trip with the high school youth to the Dominican Republic and then off to college with PLU scholarship support. I am grateful for all your love and support across the years, what an indelible and positive impact you have made on our lives. He graduates, cum laude, from Pacific Lutheran University next week with a Bachelor of Arts degree in geosciences with minors in both environmental studies and religion. I am so very proud, and I know you are, too. He has been accepted to pursue graduate studies in the fall at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Homeland Security and Emergency Management Program! Thank you, from the bottom of my heart for being our family, for continually showing us God's love, and for helping Sam become the amazing young man that he is. At time, you both leave me breathless.

*With love and gratitude,
Tamera Anderson*



Member Highlight:

Linda Ahlvin

I grew up in Kenosha Wisconsin and attended Grace Lutheran Church. I was baptized, confirmed and married there, as was my mom. I attended Lutheran churches in Vancouver, a non-denominational church in Barcelona and a Presbyterian church in Corvallis. I feel like I'm 'back home' at Our Redeemer's!

My husband Eric and I retired, sold our home, bought a sailboat and moved to Seattle a few years ago. Rover is a 42 foot blue water sailboat. We are liveaboards at Shilshole Bay Marina. We are planning to make 'the big left turn' (sailing south to Mexico) next summer with hopes circumnavigating. We expect the trip to take about 3 years.

I joined our Redeemer's because it fills up my heart. The music is meaningful, the people are kind and generous, the pastors are wise and thoughtful, the sermons make me think about things in new ways.



Family Movie Night

Saturday, June 9th ~ 6:00 p.m.

The family friendly film "Coco" will be showing in the Fellowship Hall. The pizza dinner will start at 6:00pm with the movie starting around 6:15pm.

Pizza, popcorn, fruit, juice, salad, and dessert will be provided. A freewill offering will be collected for the meal. Adults are welcome to bring beer and/or wine. Gluten free pizza is available upon request.

What a great way to spend an evening with the family and others in our community. Bring friends, neighbors, and extended family! Kids are welcome to be comfy in their PJs and bring sleeping bags to snuggle in during the flick.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 8th if you plan to attend on Saturday the 9th so we know how much pizza to get: contact Holly at 206 909-7204 or hgundack@live.com

If you can help plan/organize/set-up, let Holly know at the above contact info. Especially appreciated would be help with clean-up after the movie.

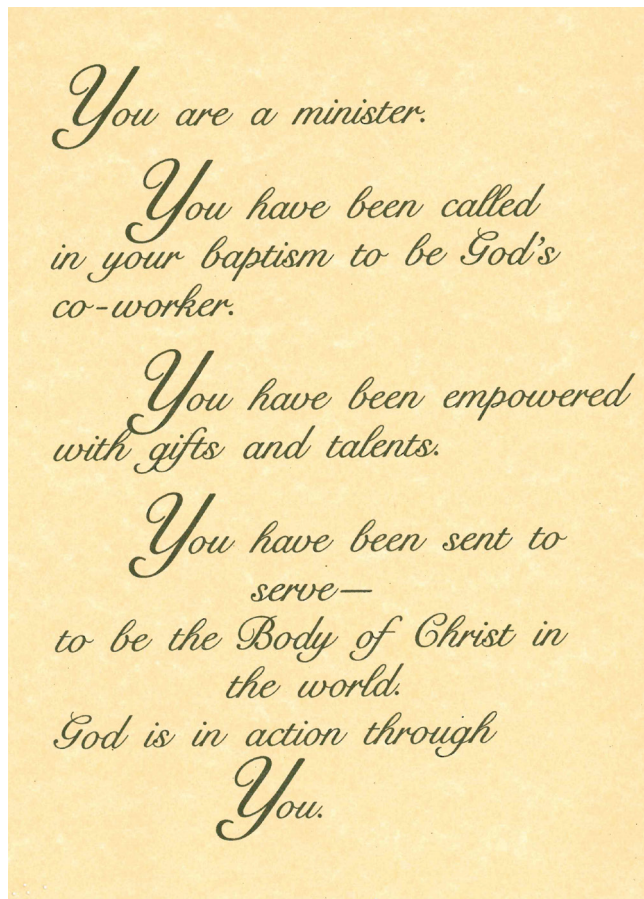
See you there!!!



You Can Be a Minister, Too!

It has been my pleasure and privilege to be the Welcome Minister and Office Assistant at Our Redeemer's! I have really enjoyed getting to know each of you on a more personal level! It was an awesome experience to co-preach (my first time) with our intern Katlin Dickinson-Laurence on April 22nd. You can be a minister too!

Even though I will be retiring as an employee of Our Redeemer's at the end of June, Paul and I will continue attending Our Redeemer's, and will volunteer and participate in activities and events that we feel passionate about. There is always a need for hospitality each Sunday, including greeting visitors and making them feel welcome at both services, and volunteering to set up the coffee hour. You can make a difference! For example, when you see a new face at church, you can ask: "Have I met you before? I'm (your name), nice to meet you! Welcome to Our Redeemer's!" Instead of feeling



like you are waiting in line at the Post Office when you are leaving the Sanctuary after the 11am worship to greet the pastors (as Sally Parker-Henderson recently expressed to Pastor Kathy), you can turn to the person behind you in line, greet them by saying hello and your name. You can do this! We can do this together! Help us continue this important welcoming ministry at Our Redeemer's! I would like to close with this welcoming poem:

I'm glad you came to join with us, in our worship time today, I hope that you have felt God's love, in a new and refreshing way, for you're so welcomed in this place. And I hope you come again, to join with us in worship, and to make some special friends. By M.S. Lowndes

Thank you!

Love and Many Blessings,
Nancy Oldenkamp
Welcoming Minister

MILESTONES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Amy Dahlgren	10	Denny Palmason	21	Jay Shekhar
1	Ken Lubkowski	11	Elliott Hogben	22	Eric Hendricks
3	Paul Berg	12	Ken Anderson	23	Matt Grover
3	Glory Frodesen	12	Marete Meyer	23	Heidi Thomas
3	Harper Hammett	12	Susan Pelto	24	Andrew Brissette
3	Tara Moore	13	Jana Davis	25	Chris Kaimmer
4	Katelyn Jacobs	13	Erik Giesa	25	Himanshu Shekhar
4	Hunter Turner	14	Deanna Carter	27	Jane Salnick
7	Evan Butler	18	Darci Evidon	27	Aubrey Thomas
7	Barbara Sinn	18	Danielle Modeen	28	Terrence Rindler
8	Steve Erickson	19	Grant Anderson	29	Marli Iverson
8	Nic Wilson	20	Ed Chabot	30	Craig Gibson
8	Bryce Wilson	20	Chuck McKenzie	30	Anna Kreshel
9	Nelson Miller	20	Nancy Parks		
9	Christine Skow	21	Richard Holt		

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR...

Those turning 90+:

June Moore, who was born on June 20, 1925, turning 93 years old!

Irene Day, who was born on June 27, 1919, turning 99 years old!

The life of:

David Kennett (Ken) Forssen who passed away on April 21, 2018. You're invited to attend the memorial service at Our Redeemer's on June 9th at 1pm. There will be a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. J.D. (Ken's son) and his wife, Theresa, have been members of Our Redeemer's since Pastor Hawks performed their wedding on July 28, 2007, and their daughters, Emily and Christina were baptized at Our Redeemer's.



The birth of:

Jacoby Day Wander was born on April 27th, 2018.

6lbs., 13 ozs. & 18.5" long.

Parents are Jeremiah and Leslie Wander.

Brother is Andrew (2 years old).

<div> <div> SUNDAYS: 9am - Informal Worship 11am - Traditional Worship </div> <div> JUNE 2018 </div> <div> ourredeemers.net/calendar </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10am Youth Confirmation 10am Holden Village Info Meeting	4 9am Quilters	5	6 Office Closed* 7am Men's Breakfast 1030am Bible Study 6pm Youth Choir 6pm National Youth Gathering Planning 630pm Junior Choir 7pm Adult Choir	7 345pm Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Rehearsal 7pm Social Justice Reading Group	1 130pm Folders	2 9am Traditional Worship Team Meeting
10 Family Sabbath Graduate Sunday? 2pm Community Cuisine	11 9am Quilters	12 630pm Church Council Bible Study and Meeting	13 9am Executive Committee 10am Staff Meeting 1030am Bible Study 6pm Confirmation Party 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Junior Choir 7pm Adult Choir	14 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Rehearsal	15 Staff Retreat 130pm Folders	16 Staff Retreat
17 9am Faith Formation Volunteer Appreciation 10am Congregational Meeting 5pm Ballard Sunday Dinner	18 9am Quilters	19	20 10am Staff Meeting 1030am Bible Study 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Junior Choir 7pm Adult Choir	21 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Rehearsal	22 130pm Folders	23 10am Young Families Playdate
24 RIC Sunday 12pm Pride Parade	25 9am Quilters	26 7pm Theology on Tap	27 10am Staff Meeting 1030am Bible Study 6pm Youth Choir 630pm Junior Choir 7pm Adult Choir Youth in Houston, TX	28 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Rehearsal Youth in Houston, TX	29 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Youth in Houston, TX	30 6pm Centering Prayer 7pm Informal Music Ensemble Youth in Houston, TX

*Staff will devote the first Wednesday of each month to professional development and planning.



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WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR SUMMER?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sundays ~ 10am (traditional)
Beginning Sunday July 1.

Wednesdays ~ 6:30pm (informal)
Beginning Sunday, July 11.
(No Wednesday worship on July Fourth.)

SUSPENDED FOR SUMMER:

Wed. Bible Study *Last day: June 13*
Adult Choir *Last day: June 13*

SPECIAL SUMMER PLANS TO NOTE:

Vacation Bible School
Holden Village
Welcoming Wisdom
National Youth Gathering
Confirmation Camp

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