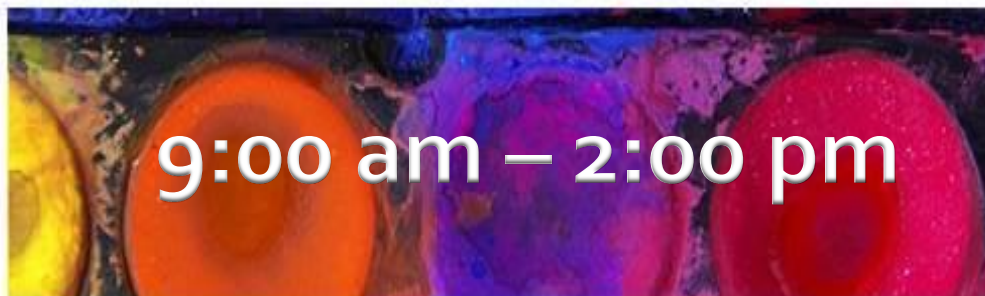




ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR



RLC Newsletter

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Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Redeemer's Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for her or his own spiritual development, rather than on the

need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's mission and ministry in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by

attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if she or he chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform,

inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Greg Kiel,
Council President



News from the Office Administrator -November 2022

By the time you read this it will be November. I enjoy this time of year so much. The weather usually cools down and as the Christmas season approaches I like to reflect on all of the blessings I have in my life. I am so grateful to be a part of Redeemer. This congregation is so kind, caring, and generous. Thanks for your continued support of the food pantry, the numerous WELCA sponsored social ministry projects, and over all support of this church.

New Member Sunday was great success! We recognized 20 new members that have joined since last October. Please remember you are welcome to join at any time. Please talk to anyone in the office if you would like to join.

Please know that if you are in need of financial assistance, we have funds available at the church to help. This remains confidential. Only Pastor will know that you received aid. We don't want anyone left in need, so please speak with Pastor Allman if we can be helpful.

Upcoming Activities:

Wed. Nov. 2: 7:00 PM - Riverside Jukebox Swing Band

Thur. Nov 3: Volunteers needed to set up Buhr Hall for Arts & Crafts Fair
(again on Mon. Nov. 7)

Sat. Nov. 5: 3rd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Wed. Nov. 16 at 10:30 AM- FL DNR Seminar

Sun. Nov 20 – Dec. 18: Christmas Sale

Wed. Nov 23 – Christmas Decorating

Mon. Nov 28: South Shore Concert Band at 7:00 PM in Buhr Hall

Wed. Dec. 7: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Dementia Workshop, Lunch to follow.

Sun. Dec. 11: Congregational Spending Plan Meeting

Sun. Dec. 18- Choir Cantata

GROWING IN FAITH

Chronological age is not necessarily a good indicator of spiritual maturity. What does it mean to be a mature Christian? One definition of spiritual maturity is becoming more like Jesus Christ. There are those that thought making their confirmation of faith, around age thirteen, meant they had completed the journey. In fact, that was simply a decision to take personal responsibility for becoming more like Jesus rather than rely on parents to ensure that you continue in a growing relationship with Jesus. If one treated confirmation like graduation, then it is likely that person's spiritual maturity stayed at that level.

Others treated confirmation as a new beginning, in which she/he could build on their personal relationship with Jesus, learn from Jesus' teachings, and model their lives after Jesus to the best of their ability. For them the journey became a lifelong commitment, as the Apostle Paul said, "*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus*" (Phil 3:14). The pressing on does not end until one makes the transition from this world into eternal life in heaven.

I press on toward the goal
to win the prize for which God has called me
heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

Many people are somewhere in between, although on the same journey. Only you and God can answer the question as to how much you are like Jesus. Yet, all of us have room to grow, which is why the second part of our Mission Statement is to 'Grow in Faith.' All of us can find someone further along the journey, and someone not quite as far along the journey. I once heard that each person needs three specific characters to accompany them along the journey: (1) someone like Paul; (2) someone like Barnabas; and, (3) someone like Timothy. Paul (the Teacher) is the person you look to as a mentor to help you grow spiritually. Timothy (the Student) is the person you can mentor and help grow spiritually. Barnabas (the Encourager) is the person you trust most to hold you accountable, and to whom you will listen.

Let me encourage you to pray and ask God how you can Grow in Faith, and who might become your "Paul, Barnabas and Timothy" if you do not already have someone.



YouTube

Our channel is:

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sun City Center Florida**

If you missed a Sunday or want to hear your favorite hymn again, you can find past sermons and more on our YouTube channel.

From the Parish Nurse Team

What's long COVID?



If you've recovered from COVID-19 but still feel unwell or have symptoms, you may have long COVID.

Long COVID includes a wide range of new, returning or ongoing health problems lasting 4 or more weeks after COVID-19.

Affects up to 1 in 3 people who've had COVID, including those with mild cases or no symptoms.

It can develop soon after COVID-19 or 3-6 months later and beyond.

COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Unusual tiredness
- Headaches or dizziness
- Shortness of breath
- "Brain fog" (difficulty thinking, focusing)
- Cough
- Trouble sleeping
- Chest pain
- Fast or pounding heartbeat
- Feeling worse with activity

TALK WITH YOUR HEALTH CARE TEAM

If symptoms develop, continue, or worsen, together you should review:

Your COVID history

- When you had it
- If you were fully vaccinated
- Treatments received, if any

Your general health

- Before COVID
- Other conditions
- Fitness and energy levels before and after

Current symptoms

- When they started
- Which are most troubling
- How they limit what you can do

Make a plan that might include:

A symptom diary



Blood, imaging or other tests



Medications



A specialist or post-COVID clinic



Gradually being active



Ways to manage stress



visit [CardioSmart.org/COVID19](https://www.cardiosmart.org/COVID19) to learn more.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st – Bob Casper, Vern Loepp**
2nd – Jane Trefren, Kurt Hetler
3rd - Stan Serbin
7th – Peggy Collins
8th – Dottie Peterson, Sue Smeltzer
10th – Verbal Loepp
11th – Kay Lyndahl, Jeanne Pruett
12th – Wayne Gehrke, Carolyn Robinson
13th – Dick Ihrke
14th – Betty Ferrara
17th - Nancy Konian
18th – Russell Filip
19th – Arlene Hansen
20th – Vlado Michna
21st - Jim Glass, Helen Schaefer
22nd – Diane Brace, Justin Hill
25th – Deya Schierenbeck
26th – Betty Schuppert
27th – George Grosskopf, Dietrich Schaffer
28th – Doreen McKibben
30th- Sylvia Nachbor



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd – Karl & Joan Wessinger**
4th – Hans & Erika Barfels
6th – Steve & Karin Hagg
7th – Linda & David Cockerham
8th – Kadie & Jon Dehne
21st – Mike & Jirattikorn Corbett
23rd – Fred & Kathie Bastion



We ask if you notice information is missing or incorrect please let us know. Thank you!



November



Time	Acolyte	Communion Assistants	Lector
Sun. Nov 6 10:00 AM	Lucy Ann Clark	Wendy Kitzman, Lucy Ann Clark, Richard Meredith	Wendy Kitzman
Sun. Nov 13 10:00 AM	Mike Corbett		Diane Brace
Sun. Nov 20 10:00 AM	Paul Ó Braonáí	Paul Ó Braonáin, Arlene Hansen, René Buggs	Chuck Buskirk
Sun. Nov 27 10:00 AM	Kathy Schwartz		Jim Schwartz

November Usher Team	November Altar Guild	Sound & Camera
Dan Pollert Team	Carolyn Cole	Volunteers

December



Time	Acolyte	Communion Assistants	Lector
Sun. Dec 4 10:00 AM	Mike Corbett	Sandra Buggs, René Buggs, Wendy Kitzman	Rosalie Kelleher
Sun. Dec 11 10:00 AM	Kathy Schwartz		Dan Pollert
Sun. Dec 18 10:00 AM	Mike Corbett	Mike Corbett, Paul Ó Braonáin, Wendy Kitzman	Chuck Kovacik
Sat. Dec 24 7:00 9M	Kathy Schwartz	Kathy Schwartz, René Buggs, Richard Meredith	Jim Schwartz
Sun. Dec 25 10:00 AM	Mike Corbett	Jenise German, Mary Ann Sigler, Mike Corbett	Chuck Buskirk



Worship Assistants

Please consider being an acolyte and/or communion assistant.

We are in need of worship assistants to help on Sunday mornings. Our greatest need is acolyte and communion assistants. Training will be provided, please consider giving it a try one Sunday. Contact Carolyn Cole at 813-812-7527, with questions or to be added to the schedule.

Quilters

Redeemers Quilting group meets every Friday from 9:30 AM until noon. During this time they enjoy conversation, snacks, and quilting. The group could use sewers, but they also have many jobs for those that do not know how to sew. If you would be willing to cut fabric, iron, or sort, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please consider joining the quilters, and you are welcome to bring a friend or neighbor along too.

Table set & reset crew needed

The tables in Buhr Hall will need to be changed from the round ones to the rectangular ones for the Arts & Crafts Fair and then reset back again following the fair. If you are available for either time (or both) and able to move tables or chairs, please sign the sheet on the counter in the narthex. Hopefully there will be enough help to make this a quick easy job.

Nov. 3 (Thursday) at 10:00 AM for set up
Nov. 7 (Monday) at 10:00 AM to reset

A couple men will also be needed to help with parking and outside setup the day of the Fair (Nov.5 - Saturday)

Bakers Needed!!

The Arts & Crafts Fair on November 5th will include a bake sale, and any help with baking items would be greatly appreciated. Items will need to be brought to the church on Friday, November 4th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. If your baked item contains nuts, please note it. Profits from the bake sale will go to WELCA. If you can help bake, please sign the sheet on the narthex counter.



Arts & Crafts Fair November 5th

Redeemer will hold its third annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Forty vendors will have a wide variety of handcrafted items - paintings, jewelry, home decor, holiday items, leather and wood crafts, wreaths, pottery, quilts, and much more. There will also be a weaving demonstration. A wide variety of beautiful raffle baskets will be available, as well as a bake sale with delicious homemade goodies. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend. Join us in support of our local artists and artisans. This is a great opportunity to find a treasure for yourself or a lovely gift. All proceeds will benefit projects and benevolences here at Redeemer. Entrance is free so bring a friend!



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Toys for Christmas

Although it seems like it is too early to be thinking about Christmas, that time is just around the corner. WELCA will be organizing a toy/gift project for both AMI Kids and Good Samaritan Mission. Items will be collected during October and November so that they will have them in time for December events. Lists of requested items are available. For AMI Kids, please use only the items on the list as they are very selective about items for the boys. For GSM, items they would like this year are grooming items and simple, educational toys for elementary school age boys and girls. If you wish for us to do the shopping, please place your donation in the offering plate and list "toy project" on your check or envelope.

Shopping list - AMI Kids (Boys)

Boxer style underwear (S, M, L)
Black socks (S, M, L)
Volleyballs
Footballs
Basketballs
Hair Brushes
Combs - regular (no points)
Bar soap

Shopping List - Good Samaritan Mission (Elementary School Age Boys & Girls)

Simple or educational toys
Hair brushes
Pony tail holders
Nail clippers
Other hair/grooming items



2022 WELCA Fall Gathering "Step by Step" November 11-13th.

The Fall Gathering is to be held at The Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg, Florida. This year's theme is **Step by Step** based on Proverbs 16:9 (NLT). We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

You can register for this event by online, email, mail. Grants are available on a first come first serve basis through the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization. For more information on this event please visit www.flwelca.com and click on the 2022 Fall Gathering tab on the upper left hand side of the screen.



The Christmas Sale is coming

We will start collecting Christmas items to use in our Christmas sale starting in November. If you have items to donate, please hold them until collection begins on November 7th. The Christmas Sale will run on Sundays from November 20th through December 18th in Buhr Hall.





Movie Monday

Redeemer will not be scheduling movies for the rest of the year, but we will plan to do Movie Monday's again in January 2023.

Riverside Jukebox Swing Band

Wednesday Nov. 2 at 7:00PM

On Wednesday November 2nd Redeemer will welcome the Riverside Jukebox Swing Band. The Riverside Jukebox Swing Band plays everything from the Big Band era to the 1980's. The music covers multiple dance styles from cha-cha to polka, with plenty of ballads for the slow dance crowd. The band plays the music of the Beatles, Barry Manilow, Billy Joel, Engelbert Humperdinck, and, of course, Frank Sinatra.

RJSB has 16 musicians including saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section. Three singers mix vocal numbers into each of the sets.

A freewill offering will be collected. We also ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the local food pantry.



Riverside Jukebox Swing Band

Florida DNR Seminar – November 16

There are many considerations, both personal and legal when planning to implement a Do Not Resuscitate order (DNR) in the State of Florida. Redeemer Lutheran Church will host a detailed session about Florida DNR for parishioners on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 10:30 am. This session will describe the steps to obtain a Florida DNR, the differences between a DNR and Advance Directives, and how to ensure that your DNR is honored, should you decide to have one. Your presenters have broad experience in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as current members of the Sun City Emergency Squad and will be there to present the information as well as take your questions about DNR.

Your presenters for this session are:

- Linda Eargle PHD, Emergency Medical Responder
- Mary Christiano MS, Team Captain, Emergency Medical Technician

If you or a loved one wants to know more about Florida DNR, please come and learn more. There will be blank DNR forms available.

Following this informative session, there will be a luncheon at 11:30 AM. FREE. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet on the counter in the narthex so we know how much food is needed.

Thank you for the school supplies

Cypress Creek Elementary was very thankful for all of the school supplies donated after the start of school.



November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 PM-Barbershop 3:30 PM-Women's AA	2 7:00 PM- Riverside Jukebox band	3 10:00 AM- Set Buhr Hall 10:00 AM-OA Group 5:30 PM-AA Group 6:30 PM-Choir practice	4 3-5:00 PM- Arts & Crafts fair /Vendor set up Baked Good Drop off	5 8:00 AM-Arts & Crafts fair
6 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship	7 10:00 AM- Set Buhr Hall 10:30 AM-AI-Anon	8 1:00 PM-Barbershop 1:00 PM- Finance 1:30 PM-Worship & Music 3:30 PM-Women's AA	9	10 9:00 AM- Parish Nurse Mtg 10:00 AM-OA Group 5:30 PM-AA Group 6:30 PM-Choir practice	11 9:30 AM- Quilters	12
13 10:00 AM- Worship	14 10:30 AM-AI-Anon	15 1:00 PM-Barbershop 3:30 PM-Women's AA	16 10:30 AM-DNR Program	17 10:00 AM-OA Group 10:00 AM Fundraising 5:30 PM-AA Group 6:30 PM-Choir practice	18 9:30 AM- Quilters	19
20 10:00 AM-Holy Communion Worship	21 10:30 AM-AI-Anon 1:00 PM-Council Meeting	22 1:00 PM-Barbershop 3:30 PM-Women's AA	23 Decorate for Christmas	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 10:00 AM- Worship	28 10:00 AM-WELCA Board Meeting 10:30 AM-AI-Anon 7:00 PM-South Shore Concert	29 1:00 PM-Barbershop 3:30 PM-Women's AA	30			

