

## Newsletter – November 2023

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

Saint? Who? Me? Yes, you! Like Sts. Paul and Matthew, and Mary, Elizabeth, and Luke? Yep. That's right. You've "achieved" sainthood. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 1.2-3).

The word *hagios* [ha-gee-os] translated as saint in the New Testament is the same word as holy. In fact, holy is the word's first definition in the Greek dictionary.

Your identity as a saint, a holy one, is found in Jesus who is the "Holy One of God" (Jn 6.69). Baptized into the Holy One's death and resurrection and grafted into the eternal life of the Holy Trinity, you have received holy status. You now "know that [Jesus is] in [His] Father, and you in [Jesus], and [He] in you" (Jn 14.20). Your identity as saint is found in Christ.

You were ransomed (bought back) with the Holy One of God's blood, which is "without blemish or spot" (1 Pet 1.19). The same blood washed you clean (Rv 7.14). In bloody water with the Word, Jesus prepares His Bride, and presents "the church to himself...without spot...that she might be holy and without blemish" (Eph 5.27). You are without sin in God's eyes! You are a saint! Notice, too, in the Corinthians and the Ephesians passages above, Paul uses the word church. He addresses the Corinthians as the "church of God," which is comprised of "saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Saints of God have their life and breath within a community – the Church. Thousands of miles may separate believers, but together in every place, they are the Church – the "body of Christ" (1 Cor 12.27). They are holy by divine calling; not by nature, and we credit our saintly membership in the Holy Community to the call of divine grace in Christ.

This is why Paul greets the Philippian Christians as "saints in Christ Jesus" (Php 1:1). Saints are individual members of the Church, but none lives to himself in the "communion of saints" (Apostles' Creed). There is no place for individualism in the Body of Christ. "Me, myself, and I" does not exist in the "one holy Christian and apostolic Church" (Nicene Creed). We are all saints; God's holy ones living together in unity in His holy Church; bound together by "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph 4.5). In this Church, saints are equipped for the "work of ministry" and "for building up the body of Christ" (Eph 4.12).

The opportunity is before the saints of Redeemer to extend a divine call to a pastor who is charged with equipping you for the work of the ministry as He delivers to you God's promises through Word and Sacrament. Another call meeting is in your near future. Approach this meeting with humility and thanksgiving by first recognizing that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom 3.23). And then view your brothers and sisters in Christ as saints for whom Christ

died. This Gospel is what enables us to live together in unity as we love and be loved by one another; as we forgive and are forgiven by one another. Disagreements and differences will be among the people of God as we work toward a common goal, whatever the goal may be, but they cannot divide us from one another as saints in Christ Jesus. You've been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and you are together forever.

God's enduring peace to each of you, His saints, as we look to All Saints' Day (observed Nov. 5), and the festive months that lie ahead in the Church Year.

In service to Christ and His saints,  
Pastor Brassfield

### *Advent/Christmas Schedule*

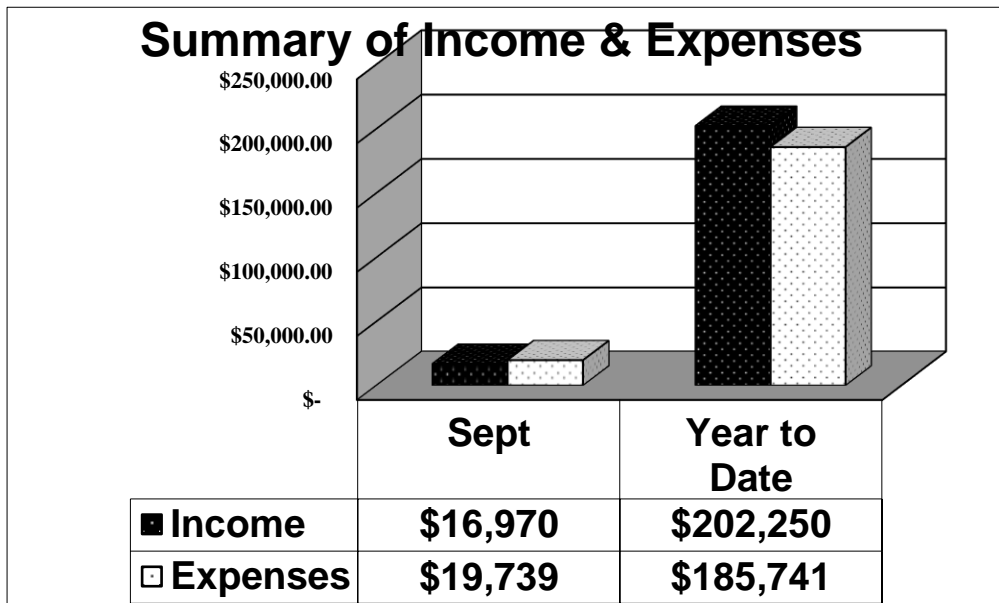
- Midweek Advent Services will be on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, December 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 20<sup>th</sup> all at 6:00 PM.
- Christmas Eve Worship: Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- Christmas Day Worship: 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The weekend of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 there will only be one worship service at 9:00 A.M. with no Monday worship.
- January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will resume our regular worship schedule.

### *Thanksgiving Vespers and Pie*

*We will gather for worship and to thank God for all of our many blessing on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st at 6:00 P.M.** Per usual we will be giving away our offering from our Thanksgiving worship. This year the entire offering will be given to the Weekend Meals for Kids Program.*

*Following worship, we will have a special time of fellowship. Feel free to make an extra pie this Thanksgiving and bring it to worship that night as we share in the blessings that God has given to all of us.*

## Financial Update



**Your 2024 Offering Envelopes** will be available after Thanksgiving. We ask that you take your packet as soon as possible so that we can decorate for Christmas. PLEASE DO NOT use your envelopes until January. All offerings for 2023 should be received in the church office by December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanksgiving Offerings** will be used by the Mission Board for Meals For Kids at Jefferson School. Members of the Board purchase items for weekend meals, package them, deliver them to school where they are distributed to families in need.



### **Winter Weather**

As winter weather is upon us again there might be a time when worship or other activities may need to be canceled. Every effort will always be made to have worship. Since the most likely time to cancel something would be on a weekend we have learned that it is easier to contact some media outlets over others on the weekend. We will try to make sure every TV station has our information, but WBAY (channel 2) and NBC26 will be the first place that information will be posted along with Redeemer's Facebook page.

## Youth Game Nights

November Youth Game Nights will be on  
Wednesday nights, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:20pm.

The puzzle for November is a Haiku based on Malachi 3:7

You turned from my laws;

You have not kept them. Return

I will turn to \_\_\_\_\_.



### **Snow Shoveling Needed – Paid Position**

Redeemer is looking for someone to shovel and/or snow blow whenever it is needed, including before preschool and church services. Shovels and a fairly new Ariens snow thrower are provided for the job – which is a paid opportunity. We have people contracted to plow the lot and salt, but they do not do the public sidewalks and walkways into church. If you are interested, please reach out to Kyle Weidmayer or Pat Korte for more information.

### ***Save The Date!***

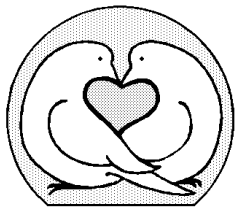
**The Annual Voter's Meeting will be held at Redeemer on  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> following Worship.**





- Nov. 1 Jacob Horswill, Kylee Wavrunek  
Nov. 2 Miranda Kretsch, Ken Solin, Ruby Reimer  
Nov. 3 Rachel Elliott  
Nov. 4 Kyle Kurschner, Luther Schnake, Clint Drescher, Collin Rathjen  
Nov. 5 Dionna Martinex  
Nov. 7 Chad MacDonald, John Baalke  
Nov. 9 Mike Hoewisch  
Nov. 10 Nancy Zabel  
Nov. 11 Brianna Bessler  
Nov. 12 Bonnie Kittell  
Nov. 13 Michele Zinkel  
Nov. 14 Jody Neilson  
Nov. 16 Tina Lindemann  
Nov. 17 Amy Neuser, Ryan Stoker  
Nov. 18 Pat Korte  
Nov. 19 Linda Troullier, Ian Stoker, Bonnie Wagner  
Nov. 20 Emersen Gomm  
Nov. 21 Bev Borchardt, Jacob Whitney, Brittany Luckow, Keegan Seiler  
Nov. 22 Bella Belanger  
Nov. 23 Ryan Kabelowsky  
Nov. 25 Casey Hafeman, Randy Budnik  
Nov. 26 Don Ahrens\*, Pat Shimek  
Nov. 27 Harlas Luckow  
Nov. 29 Carla Gregurich, Crystal Selsing, Heide Dowdy

\*Shut-ins



**WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- Nov. 2 Dennis & Rebecca Borkenhagen  
Nov. 6 Fordyce & JoAnn Rathjen  
Nov. 15 Chad & Lauren Rathjen  
Nov. 23 Richard & Marilyn Wenzel

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## November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1) Catechism 5:30pm Game Night 6:20pm	2) Book Club 1pm	3)	4) Book Club 9am
5) Worship 9am Sunday School 10am	6) Worship 6pm	7) Men's Bible Study 7am Finance 8:15am Women's Bible Study 9am	8) Catechism 5:30pm	9) Exec. Board Meeting 6:30pm	10)	11)
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