THE REDEEMER RECORD





FROM THE PASTOR

"To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints." — Romans 1:7

Dear Beloveds in Christ,

Halloween is almost a month away, and yet stores are already filled with pumpkins, ghosts, witches, skeletons – and, of course, bags and bags of candy waiting for trick-or-treaters. And all of that can seem a long way from what we will do in worship the next morning as we celebrate All Saints.

Halloween and All Saints are more closely connected than we might think. Many of the great feast days of the Church begin with an evening celebration or vigil the night before. Christmas has Christmas Eve, and Easter has the Easter Vigil. But All

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REDEEM: Building for Today. Preparing for Tomorrow.

This fall, we begin an important journey together as the Redeemer family. REDEEM, our capital campaign, is about more than raising funds. It is about caring for the church God has entrusted to us, strengthening our relationships with one another, and preparing Redeemer to serve our community for generations to come.

REDEEM focuses on three areas that reflect who we are and where we believe God is leading us:

Restoring Environments • Deepening Engagement
Expanding Mission

During October, Pastor Lynne will lead REDEEM's preaching series and will invite us to think about faithful stewardship and the part each of us plays in Redeemer's ministry and future.

We also hope you will join one of our small group gatherings which take place from October 19 through November 2. These are not simply campaign meetings. There are opportunities to sit down with friends, hear more about the vision for REDEEM, ask questions, share what Redeemer means to you, and talk together about the church we want to leave for those who come after us.



On Saturday, November 21, we will

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hold a special 24-hour Prayer Vigil. Before we make any financial commitment, we want to come together in prayer—giving thanks for all that God has provided and seeking God's guidance for the future.

Our journey will culminate on Consecration Sunday, November 22, when we will bring our commitments together and celebrate what we can accomplish as one congregation.

Most importantly, we want you to be part of this journey. Redeemer is not simply a building or a collection of programs. Redeemer is all of us—the people who worship here, serve here, laugh together, care for one another, welcome our neighbors, and share God's love beyond our walls.

Every person matters. Every gift matters. Every commitment helps shape Redeemer's future. Together, we can restore our environments, deepen our engagement, and expand our mission so that Redeemer continues to be a place of faith, welcome, service, and hope for many years to come.



Saturday, October 3. • 10:30 - 12

There will be photo opportunities, food, raffles and a blessing at 11am. Bring your paper to be shredded and empty pet food bags to recycle.

FROM THE PASTOR *(cont. from page 1)*

Saints feels a little different. Instead of gathering for worship the night before, we have Halloween, which takes its name from All Hallows' Eve – a time to remember our mortality before remembering the saints on All Saints Day.

Over time, the way we observe that evening has changed. Children now dress in costumes, knock on doors for treats, and occasionally even play a "trick" or two. And that is okay! We do not have to choose between enjoying Halloween and celebrating All Saints.

But All Saints reminds us of something Halloween cannot. On All Saints, we remember the saints we have loved who have died. At Redeemer, we light a votive candle for each member of our congregation who has died during the past year, and a bell sounds as each name is read. Then, as the names of other loved ones are read, you are invited to come forward and light candles in their memory. One by one, the candles fill the cross and the box around it with light.

This act of remembering is a beautiful part of our All Saints worship, but there is another facet of the day that is easily overlooked – while we lovingly remember those who have died, we also remember who we are. A few years ago, I asked during worship, "How many of you are saints?" – and almost no hands went up. Then I asked, "How many of you are sinners?" – and suddenly, almost everyone's hand shot into the air! And then I told you that everyone should have raised their hand both times! Martin Luther described us as *simul justus et peccator* – simultaneously saint and sinner. As you apparently are all well aware, we are indeed sinners who continue to fall short, make mistakes, hurt one another, and need God's forgiveness. And, although we are still working on this one, at the very same time we are also saints – forgiven, claimed, and made holy by God because of what Christ has done for us.

So this year, enjoy Halloween – hand out the candy, admire the costumes, and maybe even eat a few of the treats yourself! And then come celebrate All Saints as we remember those who have gone before us, rejoice in already being part of the communion of saints, and give thanks for God's promise of eternal life.

And if I ask you whether you are a saint, you know what to do – raise your hand!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Lynne

Revival Day Recap

On Saturday, September 19, we hosted the Synod Revival Day. More than 40 people from congregations in our area, along with three members of the Synod staff, gathered at Redeemer to explore what revival looks like today. The morning hospitality table was so full that we had to move the coffee and water to a side table. And at midday, we enjoyed a delicious catered lunch and a wonderful time of fellowship.

But the heart of the day was the three learning labs on reviving hospitality, discipleship, and worship. Each was led by an Assistant to the Bishop who helped us look at one of these areas of congregational life from a different perspective. Most importantly, they encouraged us to reflect on our own congregations – recognizing what is working well and what we might approach differently to better serve our neighbors. Then, we ended the day with a lovely worship service that included a blessing of our hands.

Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard to make this day the great success that it was! We truly do have an amazing congregation!









October 25

On All Saints Sunday, Redeemer will light candles to symbolize the light of Christ and remember our loved ones who have died.

Please list names of the saints (family and friends) by October 22 who have left us this year and/or previous years to be read on All Saints Sunday, either on the Call-to-Action Table or by clicking the link below:

Add Your Saint Here



Pastor Lynne will be out of the office to attend the Leadership Convo from October 20-22.



October 25

Reformation Sunday commemorates October 31, 1517, when German monk Martin Luther published his 95 Theses, challenging practices in the Roman Catholic Church, particularly the selling of indulgences. Luther sought to reform the church and return it to its biblical roots – and others joined him. Those who embraced the ideas of the Reformers became known as Protestants, and those who agreed with Luther's ideas eventually became known as Lutherans.

We wear red on Reformation Sunday as we remember the work of the Holy Spirit in renewing and reforming the church. But Reformation Sunday is not really a celebration of Martin Luther. It is a celebration of God, who continues to be at work in His church – reforming, renewing, and leading us forward in faith.

The Reformation reminds us that the church is always being called back to the truth of God's Word and to the Gospel at its heart. Scripture calls us back when our traditions, assumptions, institutions, or human ideas begin to take precedence over God's Word. And more than 500 years later, we continue to trust the Holy Spirit to guide and renew the church as we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ today.

Hope to see you in your **RED** on Reformation Sunday.

LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

November 19

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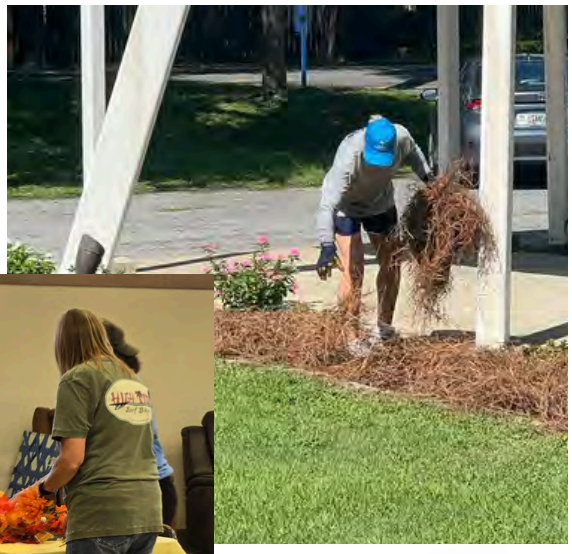
ADA Ramp Complete

Thrift Sale funds have already been put to use. We now are fully ADA compatible outside so all can visit the Columbarium without obstacles.

God's Work. Our Hands./ Fall Clean Up















Goodwill Contributes to the Thrift Sale

Ever wonder what happened to all the leftover items from the Thrift Sale? Well, a few things were sold on Facebook Marketplace, some were given to Old Savannah City Mission, but the majority went to Goodwill. They offered a service where they dropped off containers so we could pack them with what was left. Then they came back, loaded everything and then weighted it. That amount earned us $1000.00 check! Thanks Goodwill.



Lauren Youmans	October 3
Ty'Shawn Reynolds	October 9
Marjorie Harrison	October 19
Chris Thompson	October 26

September 2026
Church Council Report

- **Explorer's Montessori Update** - The Board met in September. They will be celebrating their 10th anniversary September 18.

Old Business

- **Calling List** - Church Council members were reminded to reach out to the members on their Calling List.
- **The Thrift Sale** raised over $13,000 at the time of this meeting. Approval was given to use funds for a rug for the Kid's Zone and a large storage container/shed, which will be discussed by the Property Team.
- **A Marketing/Social Media Outreach Update** - We are up to 381 followers and focusing to start posting on Instagram.
- **The Blessing of the Pets** will be held October 3rd from 10:30 am to noon along with a Paper Shredding event from 9:00 am to noon.
- **Synod Revival Day** will be held September 19 with an estimate of 50 attendees.
- **The VBS Committee** is still working on the final report - total expenses vs revenues.
- **The GEFA Grant for Solar Panels and Batteries** has been submitted. We should hear back from them at the end of the month.
- **The contractor for the sidewalk** update has been selected and will begin work the week of the September 21.
- **The sanctuary lights** work will be scheduled for the month of October.
- The **August 2026 Commission Reports/ Pastor's Report** were approved by Church Council.

New Business

- **The REDEEM Capital Campaign Timeline and Diagram** was approved and ready to be shared with the congregational members.
- **Sunabella Senior Living Community on Sundays -** Pastor Lynne has been asked to provide worship and fellowship at Sunabella on Sundays. She will be leading worship there every other Sunday at 2:00 p.m. She would love to have others from Redeemer join her.

Lutheranism 101
It's Not Too Late to Join Us!

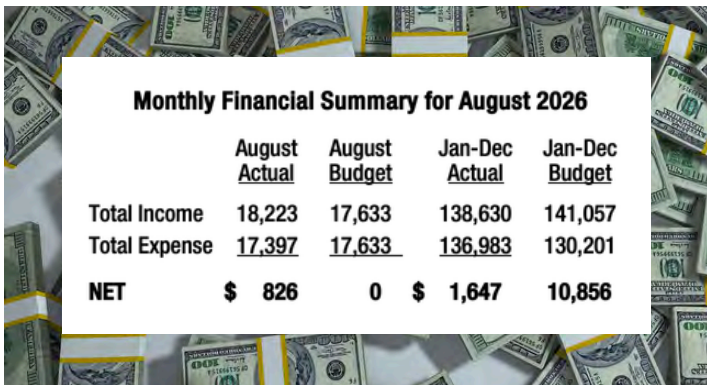
What does it mean to be Lutheran? That is the question we have been exploring in Lutheranism 101 – and we have discovered that there is a lot more to the answer than Martin Luther!

We began with the Reformation, but with an important reminder – the Reformation was about Christ, not Luther. From there, we stepped back to look at the whole story of Scripture as one continuous story that develops in six acts. We have learned about the three Creeds and the Book of Concord, explored why we worship the way we do, and Mary is now leading us through a two-week look at Lutheran music.

The discussions have been both fun and interesting. We have sorted Bible stories into the six acts of Scripture, decided whether statements described a free gift or an earned reward, and even tackled a Psalm 23 Madlib and a fill-in-the-blank challenge. Still ahead are a Lutheranism 101 board game and a word search — because apparently even Lutheran theology can involve a game board!

And you have not missed your chance to join us! You do not need to have attended the earlier sessions to jump into the conversation. Each week gives us another way to explore who we are as Lutherans, why we believe and worship as we do, and how all of it points us back to Christ.

So, whether you have been Lutheran all your life, are relatively new to the Lutheran church, or are simply curious about what Lutherans believe, come join us. There is always room for another perspective.



Monthly Financial Summary for August 2026

	August Actual	August Budget	Jan-Dec Actual	Jan-Dec Budget
Total Income	18,223	17,633	138,630	141,057
Total Expense	17,397	17,633	136,983	130,201
NET	$ 826	0	$ 1,647	10,856

October 2026

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Psalm 51:12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	2 6:00 First Friday Fun Night	3 9:00 Shredding Event 10:30 Blessing of the Pets
4 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hr 2:00 Sunabella 6:00 Savannah Moravian Fellowship	5	6 12:00 Marketing 6:30 Worship & Music	7 1:00 Bible Study-Gospel 6:00 REDEEM Messenger Training 7:00 Choir	8 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	9	10
11 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 2nd Sunday Brunch	12 COLUMBUS DAY 6:30 Men's Group (at Cancun)	13 6:00 Finance 6:30 Church Council	14 1:00 Bible Study-Gospel 5:30 EMCC Board Meeting 6:00 REDEEM Messenger Training 7:00 Choir	15 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	16	17
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25 9:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Learning Hour	26 6:30 WELCA	27 5:30 Disaster Preparedness Team 6:30 Property Committee	28 1:00 Bible Study-Gospel 7:00 Choir	29 5:00 Dinner at Papa's 6:30 Bible Study-Sunday's Readings	30	31  HALLOWEEN

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