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SO YOU DIDN'T WIN THE BILLION DOLLAR LOTTERY ... BUT YOU'RE RICH!

Let's be honest. You thought about what you would do with a billion dollars, IF you won the lottery. You thought about financial freedom. You thought about all the people you would help, all the people you would make happy. You thought about how many different homes you would build, perhaps one for every state or one in every country. You thought about how you would invest it, how you would not fall prey to the tricksters who would deceitfully rob you of your wealth. You thought about how you would not change as the kind, considerate person you are. So, let me ask you: How far has all that daydreaming gotten you?

Solomon wisely writes, *"Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf"* (Proverbs 11:28).

Recently I was asked: "If a member of the church won the lottery and wanted to donate a portion of the winnings to the church, would you accept it?" I responded saying, "I am not a fool. Of course I would accept it!" It is written in Holy Scripture, that what was meant for evil, God meant it for good (Genesis 50:20). Martin Luther explains, *"God causes good to result from evil, not that He wants evil to be done, but His goodness is so great even in our wickedness that He cannot do otherwise than forgive sin if the sinner sobs and implores His mercy. If this happens the sin shall be forgiven"* (AE 8:330).

Then is gambling an evil, that is, a sin? Well, what does God's Word say about that? Jesus said, *"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"* (Luke 12:15). Covetousness is a noun which means having a strong desire to possess something. If something doesn't belong to you, it must be a sinful desire.

A Report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod concerning gambling states: *"At its root the sin of greed is idolatry (Romans 1:23-25; Colossians 3:5), and since it is so crassly egocentric it is predictably destructive of human relationships, and it is deserving of God's judgment*

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(Romans 1:29). Just as tragically, the desire to be rich is potentially destructive of one's very own person (physically, as well as spiritually) (1 Timothy 6:9-10).

So you didn't win the lottery. All is not lost. You must know that you are rich and always have been in Christ Jesus. The Apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit wrote: *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His*

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poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Sometime ago the question was posed to me, "Pastor, how should we feel about doing a 50/50 raffle as part of fundraisers?"

That's a great question. I have given this a lot of thought and have sought out a god-pleasing answer. So, let's break this down into two parts, 1) "Why would we have a problem with gambling?" And then 2) "Are gambling activities for a church fundraiser (or any fundraiser) actually wrong in that context?"

So let's start with gambling. Why would Christians take issue with gambling? Well, the Bible talks quite a bit about the fact that we are "stewards". In other words, we take care of stuff that is given to us by God rather than really owning anything (even though it may seem like it's OURS, but really it's not).

A list of 100 Bible references about stewardship is supplied for you in this newsletter (you will need your Bible). When you read through them, you will see that we're called to use our money wisely and not to be eager for gain. Instead, we should always be caring for others and thanking God for the blessings He has given to us.

At the heart of gambling is greed. Does that mean that the people who buy a Mega Millions or Powerball ticket are going to hell? No, but we always have to be cautious when we go down a path of gambling. Usually, people take a risk with money because they want more money. Even if the odds are bad, there's always that chance that JUST MAYBE they could hit it big! While people will often try to justify why they want more money, it is usually just covering up covetousness that is at the heart of all of us. We're warned against covetous desires in both the 9th and 10th Commandments and encouraged to fear, love, and trust in God above all things. We're told to look to the good of others rather than only trying to get stuff for ourselves. And when we use our money it should be done wisely rather than hoping on the odds.

Can someone purchase a lottery ticket for fun without being addicted? I suppose so. But what is at the heart of

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why the ticket was purchased in the first place? The state (with the lotto and so on), and other institutions that host gambling based fundraisers know that they're going to make a lot of money because people want the chance for more and will compulsively attempt to get more. People will buy nine raffle tickets, or scratchers, or Lotto tickets because they want the prize rather than the person next to them getting it. So, we're not really thinking about our neighbor, are we?

Now for the second part of the question, "But what about gambling for the church?" Here's where it gets interesting. Most people who "gamble" at all for a church activity are usually doing it to give money to the church while having fun, right? Most people I've seen do a 50/50 – or something similar – end up saying, "Oh, keep the money, that's why we're here anyway."

Perhaps the bigger question is, "Why does the church need to introduce creative ways for people to give their money?" St. Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). We are no longer under the law that says we must give 10% of our income to the church. Instead, we're told to cheerfully give, not under compulsion. We are free to give as we have freely been given. One person gives 1% of his income while another may give 50%. One is not holier than the other, but we're called to have our hearts in the right place when we do so.

Clearly, the ground has not, to my knowledge, swallowed up a church building which has done a 50/50 raffle, hosted a casino night, or done something else that could be considered gambling as a fundraiser. We should probably ask ourselves what message our actions send when giving involves trying to win a game which we say is not being a good steward of money in

other contexts. One could argue that it's a selfless act to win a game and then say, "No, you keep the money!" That's true, that is a selfless act, but maybe the question could be, "Why does that system need to be in place for the giving to happen ... and in such a way that everyone gets to witness how selfless we are to give back the money that we won?"

This article isn't being written as a scathing critique of 50/50's and so on, or those who participate in them (or have in the past). I have participated in a 50/50 before to help a cause. I have even played the lottery.

In writing this, another question came to my mind, "Is this really a good way to do all of this?" But the question posed to me definitely made me sit back and ponder it a little deeper. The people I have known who do them are doing them to give money and have fun. However, the question remains, "Why do we need to do them rather than simply giving because there is a need?" We can have fun together as Christians without money being the centerpiece, and we can give money without being under compulsion or having our arm twisted. Plus, we should always take heed to Jesus' words in Matthew 6, "*Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you*" (Matthew 6:1-4)

So the idea of a 50/50 may start with a conversation about gambling but ultimately the con-

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versation shifts direction towards why we're doing it in the first place, the impression it gives, and how we're called to live as Christians as stewards of the money and other gifts God gives to us.

The church is called to give money rather than to make money. We give freely and apart from the praise of the world we live. Can people gamble as a church fundraiser? Sure, people have done it, still do it, and will most likely continue to do it into the future. This will happen because, like so many other practices that creep into churches, the church sees a practice in the world and pulls it into her practice without necessarily thinking of the repercussions of the actions and whether what the secular world is doing is what the church ought to be doing.

The state knows that gambling is a great way to get money, and they get billions each year. It may raise a lot of money for the church as well, but is it the right thing to do based on what we see in Scripture and how we understand our roles as stewards and people who give freely by the grace of God based on the forgiveness and grace we receive from Jesus Christ?

Always remember, that by the grace of God, for your sake Jesus became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. How? Our Lord Jesus Christ existed as God long before He was conceived as man. Immeasurably rich before His incarnation, Christ Jesus became the poorest of the poor as He submitted to the Law and fell victim to its curse, a process that ended in naked destitution on the cross. Jesus, the God-man, exchanged places with sinners. He underwent the agony, desolation, and deserved punishment of fallen humankind. In return, sinners receive forgiveness and a share in His Sonship.

In Christ Jesus – in the water and the Word of Holy Baptism – you are immeasurably rich. Your rich reward and endless treasure awaits for you in heaven.

If you have any questions or would like to speak more on this topic, give me a call or send me an email. Have a great day and the grace of God be multiplied to you in the richness of Jesus.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kress



All Congregational members are invited to join the Altar Guild in the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 1, 2018, to prepare the church for the Season of Advent and Christmas. This will take place beginning at 9:00 AM in the Church Narthex. If you would please consider lending a helping hand, the Altar Guild would be very grateful! Many hands make light work! I promise to have goodies and coffee! Thank you in advance for your consideration of helping in this event! *Lisa Kress*

Titus 1:7-9
1 Corinthians 4:2
Colossians 3:23
1 Timothy 5:8
Hebrews 13:5
1 Peter 4:10
Matthew 25:20-21
Titus 2:7
Acts 20:35
1 Corinthians 4:1
1 Corinthians 10:24
Proverbs 11:24
Luke 16:10
Psalm 24:
Leviticus 19:9-10
Luke 12:42-46
Mark 12:41-44
Proverbs 3:27
Matthew 25:14-30
1 John 2:15-17
Galatians 6:10
Titus 1:7
1 Corinthians 4:1-2
Genesis 2:15
Romans 12:1
Matthew 6:33
1 John 3:16-18
Matthew 25:21
James 1:12
Luke 14:12-14
Luke 16:1-8
Luke 12:42
Acts 15:28-29
1 Timothy 6:6-10

Matthew 25:15
Genesis 1:28
1 Corinthians 15:33
Luke 12:48
2 Timothy 2:15
Ephesians 5:11
Ephesians 4:28
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1 Corinthians 10:31
Luke 16:1-13
Luke 8:3
Psalm 24:1-2
Luke 19:12-27
1 Timothy 6:17
1 Chronicles 28:8
Revelation 11:18
Matthew 25:23
Luke 16:1-31
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1 Corinthians 6:20
Ephesians 5:15-18
Colossians 3:17
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Deuteronomy 14:22-29
Philippians 4:13
Luke 19:13
Genesis 39:4-6

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1 Corinthians 4:7
Romans 13:8-10
Luke 19:15-26
Proverbs 27:18
1 Timothy 4:14
John 14:30
Matthew 25:14-15
Matthew 6:20
Proverbs 22:6
Genesis 43:16
Titus 3:1
2 Corinthians 5:20
Luke 16:1
Matthew 20:8
Job 1:21
Colossians 4:5
Ephesians 2:2
Luke 16:8
Matthew 6:24
Matthew 6:21
Titus 1:3
Luke 16:11-12
Ephesians 5:17
John 3:16
John 10:10
Genesis 7:1-9:29
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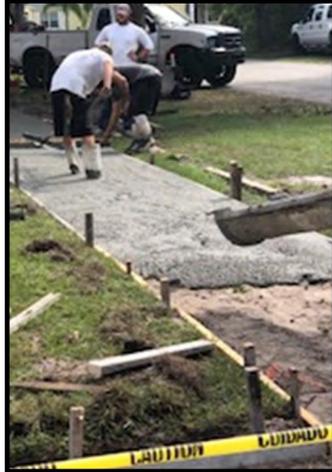
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Please have all your submissions sent to patchas123@gmail.com
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above.
Thank You!***

CHURCH PROJECTS



Sidewalks and Parking Lot ... DONE!

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Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty. We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church: "I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting.

STEWARDSHIP

It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance. The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing. Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing. He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers - not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.

Treasurer's Report As of September 30, 2018

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
INCOME	15,050	13,462	1,588
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>14,828</u>	<u>15,988</u>	(1,160)
+/-	222	(2,526)	
YEAR TO DATE			
INCOME	114,533	121,084	(6,551)
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>147,565</u>	<u>144,233</u>	3,332
+/-	(33,032)	(23,149)	



Respectfully submitted,
Jean Clappe-Mixell
North Star Bookkeeping LLC

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS
CONTINUES FOLLOWING DIVINE SERVICE

STEWARDSHIP BASICS

*This study is for everyone because everyone is a steward to God.
What does He demand of you as a steward: faithfulness.*

This new eight-part Bible study from LCMS Stewardship Ministry, is given to help congregations start a discussion of whole-life stewardship. Like many congregations, Redeemer Lutheran Church struggles financially. Why? Although the members of Redeemer care very deeply for their church, perhaps some or even most are unfamiliar or uncertain about their role and responsibility God has called us into His vineyard as steward.

This study is offered to all members, guests, and visitors of Redeemer. This basic study takes place at a convenient time in order for everyone to attend: following Divine Service on Sundays (approximately 10:30).

Stewardship is a topic that rarely provokes a neutral reaction. It either brings disdain because it makes those who hear the message uncomfortable, or it promotes a legalism that is not true to the Scriptures. Neither reaction is godly. To arrive at the desired destination, one needs to begin at the proper place.

“Stewardship Basics” endeavors to do this. It starts with the Creator, not the steward, to show that stewardship is a journey that begins with identity. From creation, human beings were tasked with the stewardship of all that the Lord God made. But this stewardship was not left to the will and whim of man. Instead, being created in the image of God, the steward is to reflect the owner’s will in every aspect of his or her stewardship.

Stewards can be good. But because of the first stewardship crisis of Genesis 3, all stewardship is flawed. Usurping the role of the Creator, sinful stewards claimed ownership of what was not theirs. The result was judgment. This judgment did not excuse the steward from his or her created purpose; it only made stewardship an unpleasant labor. But in the blessing of the Gospel, the steward is redeemed and set free to reflect the image of the Creator and Redeemer.

Stewardship that begins in the right place can, by the leading of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, produce an understanding of stewardship that is liberating. The desired result is faithfulness, not the humorous meme to the right.

This study was the central piece to the Major Applied Project for the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador’s Doctor of Ministry degree. It is presented here to help congregations find the correct starting point for a renewed discussion of who God has created and redeemed His stewards to be for Him. It is not intended to be a comprehensive study, but rather it is a starting point to frame an ongoing effort in stewardship.

Hopefully, those using it will find that it can be very helpful in starting a discussion of whole-life stewardship that seeks to promote faithfulness. To God be the glory!





College Care Packages

Please bring any candy, treats, or snacks for our 3 college students to church between November 1 and November 18. There will be 3 boxes that you can place snacks, and sweet treats to help our college kiddos get through their final exams for the semester! If you are not comfortable purchasing snacks, please see Lisa Kress to contribute a gift card or money.

Thanksgiving Baskets

As we celebrate a holiday that reminds us to be thankful, may we remember those who do not have as plentiful a supply of food and share the gifts that have been given to our homes by our heavenly Father. Please consider donating to the basket of plenty for a Thanksgiving meal for a couple of families in need this Thanksgiving holiday. The basket will be available to fill in the Narthex as of Sunday, November 4. All items should be returned by Sunday, November 18. Items needed: Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Green beans, Gift Certificates to Walmart or Publix, Apple Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Rolls, Cranberry Dressing, Jello, a whole turkey! If you have questions, please feel free to call or text Lisa Kress 941-889-8938 or email liskress1968@gmail.com.



Angel Tree



Once again, we look forward to the Angel Tree every year, as we spread the joy of Christmas with the children of the Child Care. The church will have the Angel Tree set up in the Narthex the first Sunday in Advent, which is December 2. Please pick a child's name (which will be numbered) off the tree and sign the corresponding clipboard number. Please plan on spending between \$20-\$25 per gift. The gifts will need to be delivered back to the tree no later than December 18, 2018.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE

CLASS: Come join us on Wednesday at 10 AM in the Narthex for an exciting Table Talk discussion. Ask Pastor just about any question. We will search the Scriptures. We will have open dialog in the study of the Holy Scripture. Again, your questions and our discussion may range from current events to ancient church history. This is your time to "ask the pastor."



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PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is Saturday, November 17th at 8:00 am.**



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Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!

Those who *Serve*



ELDER & COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Date	Elder & Reader	Communion Asst
Sunday, Nov 4th	Rev. Mark Steinke	Steve Horvath
Sunday, Nov 11th	Collins Sita	Dave Giroux
Sunday, Nov 18th	Bob Varone	Dennis Replinger
Thurs, Nov 22nd	Mike Nagel	Steve Horvath
Sunday, Nov 25th	Bob Varone	Dave Giroux



Date	Crucifier	Acolyte
Sunday, Nov 4th	Alyssa Hancock	Kylee Payne
Sunday, Nov 11th	Mykalina Sabol	Bella Fisher
Sunday, Nov 18th	Jayden Bishop	Braeden Dolphin
Thurs, Nov 22nd	Kamrie Evanicki	Kyleigh Evanicki
Sunday, Nov 25th	Alyssa Hancock	Brianna Neef

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



Date	Set-Up	Clean-Up
Sunday, Nov 4th	Lisa Kress	Carolyn Francis/ Gretchen Armstrong
Sunday, Nov 11th	Mindy Duncan	Bob Varone
Sunday, Nov 18th	Lisa Kress	Sandi Libke
Thurs, Nov 22nd	Bob Varone	Mindy Duncan
Sunday, Nov 25th	Gretchen Armstrong	Gale Bakalik

*“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be.
My Father will honor the one who serves me.” John 12:26*

REDEEMER SCHOOL

In Bible class, Pastor has been teaching us about the life of Moses. We learned that Moses was an Israelite that lived in Egypt. At the time Pharaoh gave an order that all baby boys were to be killed. God had another plan for Moses' life. God protected Moses just like He protects us. God's protection is always there, even when we don't know it. He has a plan for us just as He did for Moses. Our help comes from the Lord!

In Social studies we are learning about how America came to be. We have learned about the Indians, Pilgrims, Thanksgiving Day, and Colonial Life. We also have learned about America's songs like "Yankee Doodle", "The Star Spangled Banner", and "My Country Tis of Thee" and the history behind each song. We are now starting to learn about pioneers and how they traveled west. We learned how pioneers had to work together and help each other. The pioneers had to put their trust in God for protection just like Moses and just like we do.

We are very excited to have new playground equipment. It has been a wonderful addition to our school. Students are very thankful and have been very busy during recess this week.

Redeemer Lutheran School will be doing a fundraiser November 1-14. We will be selling "Fun Pasta" raising money to buy new Children's Bible. We have seen a need to have Bibles that our students can understand and everyone loves Pasta! We have pasta of all kinds in many different shapes like: chickens, dogs, pirates, music notes, your favorite team, holidays, and the list goes on. They would make fun dinners and presents! Ask our students for details. Thanks in advance for your support!

Finally, our students are working hard on their Thanksgiving program. Please come join us on Tuesday, November 20th at 3:00pm in the church. Refreshments will be served afterward.





NOVEMBER 10, 2018

Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Tuesdays
at 3:45

- 11/5 The Tabernacle Is Built
Exodus 35-36
- 11/12 Gideon Wins the Battle
Judges 7
- 11/19 David, the Singing
Shepherd
1 Samuel 16; Psalm 23
- 11/26 God Loves Naomi and
Ruth
The Book of Ruth



Lord,
You helped Gideon lead Your
people to love and trust in
You. Forgive me when I do
wrong. Lead me to love and
trust in You too. Amen

Christmas Program

Ms. Brandy's Room, VPK and
After School will be telling
the story of "The Birth of
Jesus" on December 16 at
6:00 pm in the Church.

Birthdays

- Ms. Jazmyne 11/2
- Alivia 11/2
- Jackson 11/2
- Kayley Ann 11/5
- Bailey F. 11/6
- Maximus 11/10
- Braeden 11/13
- Sky 11/14
- Jon Michael 11/18
- Ms. Debbie M. 11/18
- Kaleigh C. 11/21
- Nathan Mc 11/21
- Leland 11/21
- Ms. Wendy M. 11/24
- Ms. Wendy H. 11/28



**Upcoming Holiday
Schedule**

- November 22 & 23 Closed
- December 24 Closed
- December 25 Closed
- December 26 Closed
- December 31 Closed
- January 1, 2019 Closed

Submitted by Wendy Horvath

Santa Lunch



December 21, 2018
Santa Lunch for Child Care
is at 11:00 am and
The Santa After Party for
After School is at 3:15 - 5:15

**Fall Festival
Chili Cook-Off**



Our Annual Child Care Fall
Festival will be held on
November 10, 2018 from 3:00-
6:00. Stir up a pot of your best
Chili and enter it into the Cook-
Off. Also Donate your best
Dessert to the Silent Auction.
Please join us and bring the
whole family for Food, Crafts
Hayride, Silent Auction Bake
Sale, Raffle Baskets, and More!

Important Days

Lifetouch Photos Christmas
setting November 6

PUZZLE PAGE

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving is all about food, food, food! How many food-related items can you find in this puzzle?

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APPLES	DESSERT	MUSHROOMS	SPICES
AU GRATIN	DRESSING	NUTS	SQUASH
BREAD	DUCK	OYSTERS	TEA
CASSEROLE	GELATIN	PECAN PIE	TOFU
CHOCOLATE	GRAVY	POTATOES	TURKEY
CIDER	GREEN BEANS	PUMPKIN	VEGETARIAN
COFFEE	HAM	PUNCH	WHIPPED CREAM
CRANBERRIES	ICE CREAM	RICE	YAMS
CRUST	MILK	SALAD	



*Let us come before him with **thanksgiving** and extol him with music and song* Psalm 95:2

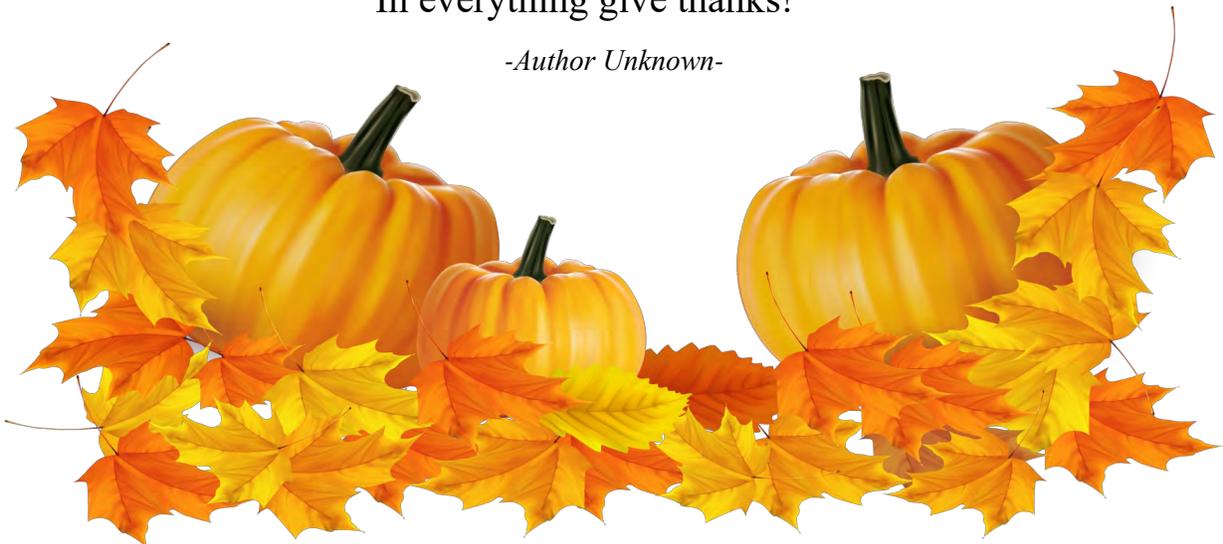
In Everything Give Thanks

For all that God in mercy sends -
For health and children, home and friends;
For comfort in the time of need,
For every kindly word and deed,
For happy talks and holy thoughts;
For guidance in our daily walks -
In everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
For song of birds, for hum of bees,
For the refreshing summer breeze,
For hill and plain, for streams and wood,
For the great ocean's mighty flood -
In everything give thanks!

For the sweet sleep which comes with night,
For the returning of the morning's light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars that glitter in the sky -
For these and everything we see,
O Lord, our hearts we lift to thee;
In everything give thanks!

-Author Unknown-



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Bible Class: 10:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:30 AM

The Redeemer Lutheran Church, School & Child Care Family are called into the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His command (Matthew 28:18-20) to:

- ◆*Disciple all nations, that is, all people;*
- ◆*Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;*
- ◆*Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity; and*
- ◆*Never be ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).*