



OCTOBER 2025



## VICAR'S NOTES

Table fellowship of Jesus,

The most natural and intimate way of expressing common fellowship is at the table through a meal. In ancient times, the meal itself as always prepared for and with “table talk”. Meals like the Passover Seder, this world take on the form of teaching. Today the “table talk” is the family discussing school, work, or just the day’s activity. Consider Thanksgiving, it includes the family coming over, family gathered, a traditional meal served. As important as the food is, what also is important is our talk when we come together as family and friends. Early Christian communities were liturgical and sacramental, taken from Jewish roots. Jewish prayers blessed God for His creation and thanked God that He promised to send a Messiah to redeem them. Christians thanked God for the redemption of all creation that was brought to completion in and through Jesus. The word *Eucharist* means thanks.

The Passover meal was central to Old Testament piety. So also, was the weekly remembrance of the Passover in the Sabbath evening Seder. Table fellowship with God was for Jewish Christians. They would use it to describe how God communicated His intentions for their salvation and established His presence with His people. A ritual meal created a natural context for instruction in the Word of God, a Word that reconciles and unifies. The meal was accepted as an act of hospitality. Therefore, in the New Testament, Jesus’ meals sent a clear message to His people of His desire for God’s reconciling action in Him to be extended to all people because Jesus ate with people of every class. We often see in these meals that God has establishing a covenant. The covenants Yahweh made with His people often were celebrated with a meal. Genesis 18: *“The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, If I have found favor in your eyes, my Lord, do not pass your servant by, let a little water be brought, and then you all may wash your feet, and rest under this tree. Let me give you something to eat.”* Here God made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God was present

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with His people at Old Testament meals such as the Passover and shared temple sacrifices, but God was not yet incarnate. Genesis 18 event was a hint, a “prequel” of what was to come. In Jesus, God became present in the flesh to establish a table fellowship of eating and drinking with His people.

The act of table fellowship for Jesus, included both the meal itself and the participants of the meal, as well as a form of teaching. Neither the teaching nor the eating is of greater importance; both must be considered together. This table fellowship reveals something about the participants in that fellowship. In Jesus, case, it shows who He is as the Christ, and He renders the ultimate service to humanity as God’s innocent, suffering Messiah by giving up His life for the world on the cross and offering that same life at the table in His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In His teaching, three elements appear 1) the meal is with sinners; it is an inclusive event, 2) Jesus teaches about the Kingdom and 3) The meal is an expression of the new era of salvation.

The Last supper is different from the Passover meal, for it is here that Jesus speaks for the first time of *“the new covenant in My blood.”* The new era of salvation! The meal of the new covenant, the new Exodus, the new Passover. The unique promise of the Last supper, which holds true for every celebration of the Lord’s supper is the bodily presence of Jesus’ body and blood: “This is My body, which is given for you”; “This cup that is poured out for you is the New covenant in My blood.” According to these words, the body and blood of Jesus are truly present with the bread and wine. How do we know? Jesus stated in plainly and clearly! This body and blood of Jesus is the promise of eternal life. You have been invited with all the saints, when heaven comes down to earth.

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying

**This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of me**

In the same way after supper, He took the cup, saying;

**Take and drink, this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sin, this do in remembrance of me.**

**And may the peace of God, which surpasses all our understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

Yours in Christ,  
Vicar Collins Sita



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## Bible Studies

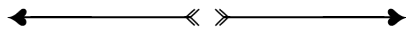


**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Please join us after the morning service (and after a cup of coffee – approximately 10:30 a.m.). We are currently studying the Gospel of John.

**Table Talk:** Table talk is a very informal Bible study held on Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM, . Participants come with any sort of question. We work to answer those questions from God's Word and from our Lutheran Confessions. In doing that we all learn more about God's Word and its application in our lives. We are currently studying Philippians and possibly Ephesians.. All are welcome. Please consider joining us!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Redeemer started Sunday School in August! All children at the school are invited and encouraged to sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Brussel at 516-476-8241 or at [yayabrussel@yahoo.com](mailto:yayabrussel@yahoo.com)



### PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY --OCT 18th

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Day every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs to be done inside the Church. If you can help, please come by the Church and we will put you to work. Please search your heart to see if there is anything you can do to help maintain and beautify the Lord's home and property.

Property Appreciation Day is the THIRD SATURDAY of every month

## SERVING THE LORD

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### GROUPS/GUILDS

Altar Guild Catalina Bakas

Coffee Hour

***The deadline for the November 2025 Newsletter is October 18th.  
PLEASE have all your submissions sent to [patchas123@gmail.com](mailto:patchas123@gmail.com)  
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above. Thank You!***

## Harmonious Stewardship

*“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another” (Romans 12:4-5).*

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.

The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low. But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to “carry the tune” for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn't rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn't rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.

The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn't always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow's mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!

## Prayer Requests

**Healing for members:** Catalina Bakas, Wayne Buel, Ed & Jan DeTrow, Lana Garay, Judy Guastella, Jane Harty, Wendy Horvath (surgery on 8/20), Sherrie Keezee for safe travels; Nancy (torn meniscus) & Perry Koslowski, Lucia De-Marco-Kruse, Jerry Lindberg, Chuck & Elaine Malecki, Cathy Mielke, Mike Nagel, Tom & Sue Poyer, Randy Schaub, Jim & Bonnie Schluentz, Bob Varone, Pauline Vickey.

**Friends and relatives:** Karen Bartram (niece of Bernadine, who has been recently attending Redeemer; Karen has been diagnosed with brain cancer and was given a sobering prognosis, she is in her 40s and has four children); Joseph Caivano (Lucia's son, continued recovery); Michelle Cote; Pat & Charlie Finkenbine; Paulette Gaines (Cherylann Galway's sister); Glenn Galway; Bryce Garrison, Mikayla Hacksunda and her infant son, Lukas; Ron Dozer (Sherrie Keese's brother, as he continues to recover from quadruple bypass surgery), Suzzana Keese (Sherrie Keese's mother), Connor Morrell, Cerena Morrell, and Ann Ledesma; Esther Murphy; Merry Sammons; and Karen Wasson-Geis (Lori Wasson's sister).

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** The Portals of Prayer for October—December 2025 are now available at the Visitor's Desk. Please prayerfully consider making a donation in the box provided. Thank You.



Financial information is available to  
all members upon request.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

For suggestions, information, or to lend a helping hand, please contact Yvonne Brussel at 516-476-8241, Catalina Bakas at 207-752-7797 or Wendy Horvath at 941-473-7998.

- October (date TBD) Dedication of the flag pole – Public will be invited; we'll notify the Review and the Chamber. Cookies and water will be provided. Teve will have the kids sing "God Bless the U.S.A" and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Contact Catalina Bakas
- Saturday, October 25, 11a.m. to 2p.m. Please leave your donations of wrapped "TREATS" in the box provided in the Narthex. Also, if you can be a "TRUNK" please Contact Yvonne
- November 8 – Annual School Fall Festival. More information will be coming. Contact Wendy Horvath.
- November 11 – Veteran's Day Parade. Parade the bus with flag waving students inside and some marchers carrying a banner. Contact Catalina Bakas
- December 3 – The Hanging of the Greens is scheduled for 3 p.m. Contact Catalina Bakas
- December 6 – Rotonda West Holiday Parade. Contact Catalina Bakas



**Church Secretary News!** A secretary has been hired for the Church. Her name is Michelle Kluver and she will start training with Lori on Monday, September 22. We give thanks to the Lord for sending us several qualified candidates and are praying the other candidates will be able to find employment quickly.

**Fellowship Hall Repairs:** The estimated cost for the repairs to the Fellowship Hall is estimated to be approximately \$95,000.00. The congregation voted to approve taking these funds from the Endowment Fund. If we are successful with the insurance claim, monies will be returned to the fund.

**Church Air Conditioning:** If you've been wondering why the sanctuary has been so hot, the A/C compressor is out and it is not under warranty. Abbott Air will be replacing it in the next few days. The cost for the new compressor is a bit less than \$4,200.00.

**Donations:** If your hearts are so moved to make a donation to either of these repairs, please make sure it is annotated on your check or envelope, so the money goes to the right place.

## SCHOOL

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" Psalm 98:4*

**K & 1** Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade had a great first month of school! We began the year learning about how God created man and the story of Adam and Eve. We asked Vicar Collins to come in during our Community Helpers class and he explained to the children how he helps within our community. Each child could also ask him any question they wanted about the bible and had a great discussion about God's love for us. We have been doing a great deal of work in our Abeka books, the kids are all on the path to reading and enjoy playing fun activities that help them learn subtraction and vowel sounds. Over the course of the month of September they will be celebrating "Talk Like a Pirate Day" and "Apple Week" (with a special visit from Johnny Appleseed). *Mrs. Cataloni*

**2 & 3** This month, our second and third-grade students have been incredibly busy and engaged, demonstrating their hard work and creativity in several projects. We're currently immersed in the classic story of Charlotte's Web, and students are using their imaginations to create intricate dioramas that bring the world of Charlotte, Wilbur, and their friends to life. In science, we've introduced a lesson on scientific method; students enthusiastically planted their own pea plants and are now observing them closely as they begin to flourish. We also recently completed the story of Daniel and the Lion; It's been a truly rewarding month watching the students' dedication and enthusiasm for learning. *Mrs. Awadallah*

**4 & 5** Students started sugar snap green beans in small pots at the beginning of September. Every day they have written what they are observing with their plants. Some have grown both seeds and others have seen only 1 bean sprout. Soon they will be transferring them into a bigger pot and continuing to watch them grow more. This project was started to show the Scientific Methods with hands-on learning but will grow into taking pride in growing something that can be eaten. I have also implemented a new behavior incentive method. Students will be using ClassBank. This program is usually used with computers. However, I am going to take this opportunity to have the students learn how to "deposit" their daily "paychecks" at the end of the day based on their behaviors in the room. They will then keep a "balance book" of their deposits and withdrawals. This will teach the students how to budget their money for big cost items that they will have to save for and small things that can be bought during the day. *Mrs. Garcia-Hart*

**6** In sixth grade we are exploring and learning a variety of different things! In math class, we are building our understanding of how to measure capacity, time, and weight. We are also learning how to convert one unit of measurement to another unit of measurement using multiplication and division. In science, students are learning how God created plants in a wealth of shapes and sizes. Students have been studying a variety of plants and trees and connecting this understanding to how God's design of these plants and trees can be useful in our daily lives. *Mrs. Longenecker*

**7 & 8** Good afternoon, Redeemer Church Parishioner's. We are happy to be back and with all new 7th and 8th graders, this is a blessing to see our school to continue to grow and bring in higher grades into the school. Yes, the year has started off a little rough for my classes, but we are adjusting well-being in the church foyer. God is Good. 7th grade has just finished their first Star testing and so far, so good. In History they are learning about the Civil War and Reconstruction Period. In

## SCHOOL / LADIES LUNCHEON / INSPIRATION

Science we have covered Cell Reproduction and the Elements on the Element Chart. In Math both classes have been working on Pre-Algebra and Linear Equations. Ela they are working on respective Papers of their own choosing. 8th grade in History they are working on World War! and the Great Depression. In Science they have been learning Different Mammals and Herbivores. The class and I cannot wait to get back into our classroom, but we all know when God says its time then its time. God Bless you all from the *7th and 8th grades and Coach Don*

### Upcoming Dates

October 3 - Photo Day  
October 7 – PTL Meeting 6 pm  
October 17 – Popcorn Day  
October 13 – No School Teacher Workday  
October 22 – Vision Screening  
October 25 – Trunk or Treat 11-2 pm  
November 7 – Fall Dance 5-7 pm  
November 8 – Fall Festival



### Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

September's luncheon was fantastic. We had nine ladies join us for lunch at Mango Bistro. The food was great, and the fellowship was even better! This month's luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 21st at noon and will be held at The Blue Pineapple on Dearborn Street. Mark your calendars now so you won't forget. We hope to see you there!







# Back To School Word Search

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DESK	TEACHER	SCHOOL	NOTEBOOK
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### **REDEEMER REPORTER**

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### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Divine Service: 9:15 am

Bible Study: 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)*