



Newsletter - November 2021

To reach out to God and others that all may know and reflect Christ's love.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

(Ephesians 1:3-6 ESV).

Thoughts
from
Pastor Jeff

November we celebrate Thanksgiving and we kick off Advent. Thanksgiving is an appetizer for Advent. At Thanksgiving, we spend time actively reflecting on what Jesus has done for us in the past year. Advent is a time to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Thankfulness is the perfect soil for expectancy. Jesus is the greatest gift. He is the Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father. Receiving the greatest gift should be linked to the greatest amount of anticipation.

At Thanksgiving we whet our appetite as we remember to celebrate the gifts Jesus has given us. One extraordinary gift God bestows on us, that we often take for granted is our adoption. God creates a new family of brothers and sisters. Our new identity binds us together and gives us one more reason to rejoice. This new family is not a perfect family, but a broken one. Yet, even in our sin and failure we find a common bond. It isn't just ideology that unites us. Our brokenness is what leads us to acknowledge our need for Jesus. In the book *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer talks about the hope Christians have together,

“The fellowship of the table teaches Christians that here they still eat the perishable bread of the earthly pilgrimage. But if they share this bread with one another, they shall also one day receive the imperishable bread together in the Father's house. ‘Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God’ (Luke 14.15).” Being in fellowship with one another helps us to see how we can love Jesus more. Our common need leads us to common thankfulness where we acknowledge and celebrate Christ as our common Savior.

As we enter the holiday season, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas together we prepare our hearts to worship the True King. As we celebrate traditions new and old we establish memories and practices our church family will remember their entire life. The hope is we will continue to pass our traditions on to the next generation. Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate Jesus. He is the reason why we celebrate! He is why we gather together, eat great food, and give presents. Every good and perfect gift is from Him. He is our ultimate gift, our great treasure, and One who exceeds all of our expectations!

Woman's Fellowship

October 7, 2021

Meeting opened a 10:30 a.m. with a prayer from President Leanne.

Minutes read and accepted for the September meeting.

Treasures report read and accepted. Correspondence: Thank you from our underwriting the cost of child sponsorship for the year from E.C.H.

Information on a spaghetti dinner in New Melle on November 7th. Gilbert to have additional information if interested.

Gateway to Science Academy—South School is having a trunk or treat on October 30th. Janice will reserve a table and anyone interested in helping or just donating candy it would be appreciated.

New ideas for money making. Super bowl sandwiches again, Raffle baskets.

It was voted to have five raffle baskets during the Cookie Sale on December 12th. These will be Hallmark show basket, Nuts and Chocolate basket, Pasta basket, Golf basket and a Baking basket. Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

New Officers will be Cheryl Ederle President, Leanne Senniger Vice President, Janice Kemper Recording Secretary, Diane Gilbert Corresponding Secretary and JoAnn Jackson Treasurer.

Meeting was closed at 11:30 a.m.

Diane Gilbert read us some short stories on Faith, Trust, Hope, Confidence, Love and Attitude.

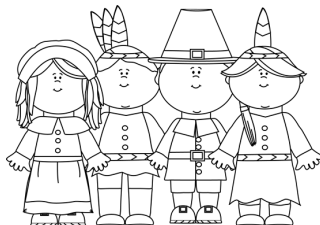
Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kemper, Recording Secretary

**Women's Fellowship
Meeting
Thursday, November 4
10:30 a.m.**

Lunch following meeting. Bring a sandwich, drinks and dessert will be provided.

We will be planning
Gift Baskets and
Cookie Sale!
Please join us!



**“Bring-A-Meal”
Sunday, November 7**

“Bring-A-Meal” is an on-going outreach ministry where we bring canned goods and non-perishable food items that are donated to the local food pantry at **Gateway Science Academy — South School** to be given to needy families in our surrounding community.



If you would prefer to donate financially, please place in an envelope marked “FOOD PANTRY DONATION” and we will get to them.

Together we can make a difference!

Please place your donations in the container located in the rear of the Sanctuary- south side.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Kuelker Missions - Your Missionaries to México

Greetings to everyone, I hope that God is painting you a very colorful picture with all the bright colors of autumn. We enter in this month with thanksgiving in our heart for everything that He has given us. The part of history, where God brought two different races together to work as one (the pilgrims and the Indians). Colossians 1:12 *"Giving thanks to the Father, who has made us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."* Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Becky: This month she met with one of the ladies from the women's group. She did a little counseling and planning for a Posada in December. She received a call from two ladies from the conference in September to ask if they can use her teaching on the fruits of the Spirit. She was happy to see that the seed of encouragement was growing.

Mike: I have been visiting the villages where I am teaching. The brothers asked me to bring more teachings, because they have been using them to evangelize in other villages. I modified Pauls' word I plant, and they water, and God gets the increase. This month I went to a new place called Tequipaxpan. He met and talked with the people and shared a little of Gods' Word. At the prison and the Fiscalía the groups continue to grow; they are asking me to come back more than twice or three times a month.

Prayers:

For Mike he did something to his right hip, and it has been bothering him for three weeks.
For Becky she still has pain in her arms, but through Gods' grace she continues to improve
For finances Mike didn't mention it but he has been invited to two new villages
For our pending spring trip.

Keep C.O.O.L. (Christ Over Our Lives)
Mike, Becky & Berenice

P.S. Everything that we are doing, you are doing, also. Thank you for partnering with us, because without you this wouldn't be possible.

Women's Fellowship Cookie Sale & Gift Baskets Raffle - December 12th

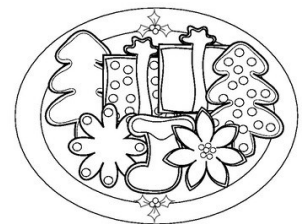
Needing a special treat for someone special this Christmas season?

The Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring a Cookie Sale on

Sunday, December 12th

during fellowship time after worship.

Cookies are \$8 dollars/pound



GIFT BASKETS

**Hallmark Show
Basket**

**Nuts & Chocolate
Basket**

Pasta Basket

Golf Basket

Baking Basket

**Tickets are \$2 each
or 3 for \$5**

Proceeds from the Cookie Sale and Gift Basket Raffle will go towards the on-going service and mission efforts of the Women's Ministry, but the blessing of giving wonderful, home-made cookies or a fabulous Gift Basket is **priceless!**

Church Council: October 11, 2021 Meeting

Opening prayer and Devotion/Leadership Development — Pastor Jeff opened with prayer and led the led us in a Devotion, based on Ephesians 4:12-16. We each have different knowledge and experiences. How can we use these in our growth to lead us towards Christ?

Election of Officers (Approved)

President: Gary Jones

Vice President: Leo Quinn

Treasurer: Gary Chambers

Financial Secretary: Julie Voss

Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Leicht

House & Grounds: Harry Archambault



Minutes and Treasurers Reports: were reviewed and approved.

Worship: Pastor Jeff is continuing in the Study of the Book of 1st Peter.

Worship Information - On line and in person

This information is from Facebook and YouTube and our Website. Each “view” represents one phone, computer, or television that watched the service (partially or in its entirety). It does not tell us how many viewers there were on each device.

September	Facebook	YouTube	Website - Sermon	
Average views/week	20	4	21	Average in person - 56

Music Ministry Update: Tara has asked us to find a replacement for her. Pastor Jeff has reached out to Mo Baptist College and Covenant Seminary. He will also look at contract individuals.

Welcoming—Hospitality Committee: 1st meeting was on 10/10 and 18 people attended. The next meeting will be on November 7th at 10:15.

Vision/Clarity Committee 1st meeting will be 10/17 and **Children & Families Committee** 1st meeting will be on 10/17.

GSA-South School: Women’s Fellowship will be participating in the “Trunk or Treat” for the School on Saturday, October 30th. They have 2 tables reserved.

Men’s Bible Study— will meet on 10/14 at Gary Gilberts and then at church beginning on 10/21 at 9 am.

Women’s Bible Study—will be concluding on 10/12. They will then take a break until February, 2022.

House and Grounds - please see under Church Building and Grounds.

Wedding - November 6, 2021—Katie Elbert & Dallas Francis.

Online Giving—Exploring options for accepting online giving and memorials. What is the charge for this service per gift and what would be the best option.

Study Items:

- Restroom - on the Sanctuary level in the rear of the church—exploring possible options.
- Sound System— We have one bid and looking for other options and bids. Drew, sound tech from All Soul’s Church, is helping us with our current system.

Action Item (Items to be acted upon)

Facility Usage requests approved:

- Dutchtown Ministry: Wednesday 11/17 starting at 6 pm. They will be using the Fellowship Hall for a Mission Project of packing Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. They have one volunteer for every 2 to 3 Youths. Ways that we can help: Volunteers— if anyone would like to come up— see what they do, how they minister to the youth and help pack shoeboxes; Purchase supplies for the Shoe Boxes; Donate money for the shipping costs (which include items for Discipleship) \$14/box; or Help with the cost of Shoeboxes—\$30.

Receiving New Members—Patti Schmeer and Joe Carrell would like to become members—approved.

Totenfest

What is Totenfest?

Where does this tradition come from?

Why do we celebrate and continue this tradition?

Here is some interesting information we found after a whole lot of digging and investigative work.

What is the Tradition of Totenfest?

Totenfest is a German word that means “Festival of the Dead” or “Festival for the Dead.” It was established in 1816 by Prussian Emperor Fredrick William III as a day to remember that nation’s soldiers who had died in the recently concluded Prussian War. Obviously it became an important observance in the Evangelical Church in Prussia (established by the same emperor in 1817) as a day to remember not only the war dead, but also church members who had died in the previous year. It was observed on the last Sunday of the Church year, right before Advent began. This was also the time of clearing gardens and fields of the summer’s growth in preparation for winter. To this day, Totenfest in parts of Germany is the day families visit the graves of loved ones to clean off the summer flowers and cover the graves with evergreen boughs for the winter. In Lutheran traditions, “Totensontag” or Death Sunday” became the preferred term to Totenfest.

The term fell into disuse in America as churches of German heritage started substituting English words for German ones. In fact, by the 1916 Evangelical Book of Worship published by the German Evangelical Synod of North America, the term Memorial Sunday had been substituted for Totenfest. That service included opening sentences, invocation, opening prayer and closing prayer. Whatever else was done in this service was left up to local customs.

On **Sunday, November 21st** we will continue this tradition at Redeemer, because it comes from our rich German Evangelical heritage. We celebrate this day as a church remembering the people who have died during the past year who were part of our church family. We give thanks and remember these special people who have taught us of love, forgiveness, courage and hope. We honor their memories and lives.

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“Totenfest” Sunday Worship, November 21

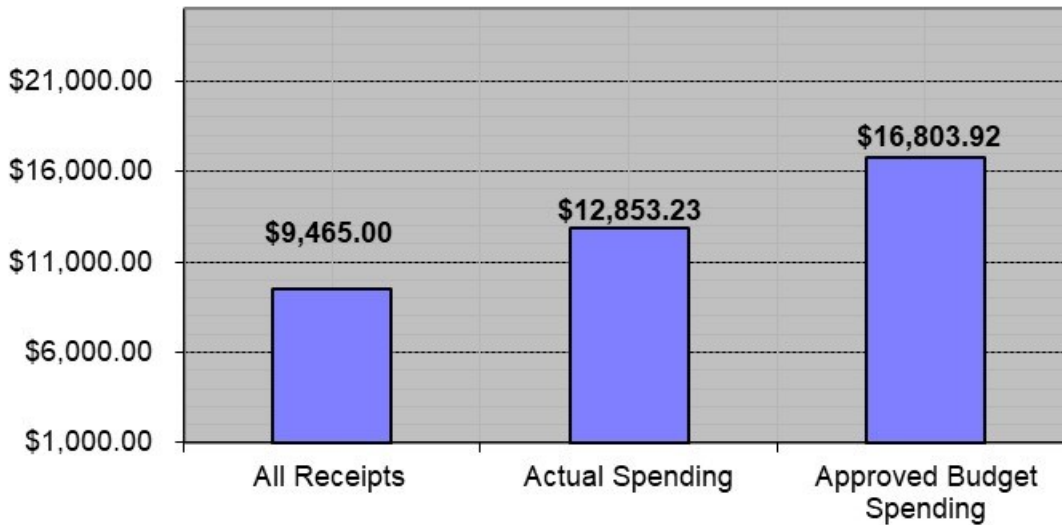
Person to be Remembered: _____

Date Passed away: _____ Submitted by: _____

Please Share a Picture of your loved one or friend and send to the church office by 11/15. We would like to put together a special PowerPoint for the time of Remembrance.

If you know of someone you would like to have remembered - Please list above and send to the Church office or place in the offering box on Sunday mornings by **Monday, Nov. 15.**

**Year to Date
9/1/2021—9/30/2021**



Tithes and Offerings:
As we continue through our fiscal year our prayer is that God’s tithes and our offerings will continue to be a blessing to the mission of the church. The Council is grateful for everyone who is continuing to strive to support God’s work through His Church!

Missions: Please continue to keep all the missions that we support as a church in your prayers. Many have found that new forms of serving are required as they adapt to the COVID19 guidelines and restrictions.


Church Building and Grounds: Pastor Jeff has been coming up on Monday’s & Thursday from 9 to Noon; Tuesdays and Wednesday 9 to 2—besides Saturday & Sunday. If you need to contact Pastor Jeff please call him at 314-373-5862. Patti continues to come up to the church office on Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm; besides Sunday. Dave Ederle, Derek Reinertson Carl Reisinger, Harry Archambault have been coming up and taking care of Building maintenance, Northwest (back) wall of the balcony is water damage. Looking at water issues near the outdoor elevator—parking lot. A/C in the Arts & Crafts Room needs to be replace, as does one A/C in balcony. Council is continuing to prioritize the many projects which need attention.

November 7th

In Christ,
Your Redeemer family



November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>6:30 pm Theatrical Sewers Meeting</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. At-Anon Meeting in the Library</p> <p>No Dartball</p> <p>Election Day</p>	<p>6:00 PM Princeton Heights Board Meeting in the Library</p>	<p>9 am Men's Fellowship and Bible Study - Library 10:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship 6 to 7 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting - Library 7:00 p.m. Princeton Heights Neighborhood Meeting</p>	<p>Wedding Rehearsal and Rehearsal Dinner</p>	<p>1 pm Wedding Katie Ebert & Dallas Francis</p> <p>5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>"Bring a Meal" Sunday 9:00 am Family Worship, Communion Young People remaining in worship Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall 10:15 a.m. Welcoming Committee in the Library</p> <p>11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary & Nursery/Area's Daylight Savings Ends</p>	<p>Veteran's Day</p> <p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. At-Anon Meeting in the Library</p> <p>7:00 PM Dartball here in the pit vs St. Luke's Methodist</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day</p> <p>9 am Men's Fellowship and Bible Study - Library</p> <p>6 to 8 pm District Meeting for At-Anon - library</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 1 to 8 pm Girl South Troop Fellowship Hall & Kitchen</p> <p>5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>9:00 am Family Worship Young People- Sunday School Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Vision/Clarity Team in the Library</p> <p>11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary & Nursery/Area's</p>	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. At-Anon Meeting in the Library</p> <p>7:00 PM Dartball here in the pit vs Eden UCC</p>	<p>6:00 PM Dutchtown Ministries Fellowship Hall Packing Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child</p>	<p>9 am Men's Fellowship and Bible Study - Library</p> <p>6 to 7 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting - Library</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
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<p>First Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Family Worship Young People- Sunday School Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary & Nursery/Area's</p>	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. At-Anon Meeting in the Library</p> <p>7:00 PM Dartball here in the pit St. John's #1</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>English as a Second Language Classes are individually scheduled during the week.</p>		

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9:00 a.m. Sunday

Family Worship

Names of officers of organizations and council members are available on request at the church office.