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Just as Christians lead the way in abolishing the Atlantic slave trade and slavery, so Christians lead the way in caring for animals, based on Biblical principles. (In fact, noted British abolitionist William Wilberforce was also a force in advocating an end to the cruelty of animals). Arthur Broome, an English clergyman, was an ardent campaigner for animal welfare and was one of a group of creators of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) in 1824. Broome often referred to Biblical principles and Christian mercy in his advocacy. Proverbs 12:10 reminds us “a righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel,” and God opens the mouth of Balaam’s donkey so that she can protest the beatings she has received (Numbers 22: 21-34).

Of course, Jews and Christians had been advocating for animal welfare in Western culture for centuries. One notable example was Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), who had a special love for animals. One popular story about Francis concerns a wolf.

A wolf terrorized the inhabitants of the small Italian town. Not only did the wolf kill and devour livestock but it began to attack and devour humans. All attempts to kill the wolf failed and the people of the town would literally shut the town down in fear whenever the wolf would appear. Francis heard of this and decided to go and meet the wolf. The huge wolf rushed toward Francis as soon as he saw the saint approaching his lair. Francis made the sign of the cross and commanded the wolf in the name of God to stop his terrorizing of the town. Immediately, the wolf became docile before the saint. Francis went on to condemn the wolf for his attacks not just on animals but upon men and women who are made in the image of God. Francis told the wolf that if he ended his attacks, he would see to it that the inhabitants of Gubbio would provide him with the food he needed. The story goes that the wolf placed his paw in Francis’ hand in agreement. Francis then walked the docile wolf back into the main square of Gubbio to the astonishment of the inhabitants and there reiterated the promise. Again, the wolf placed his paw in the saint’s hand in agreement. The saint had tamed the wolf.

The story is legend but shares the truth of Francis’ love for animals. With many other Christians, we bless animals on the Sunday nearest St. Francis Day (October 4th) which is October 8th this year. You are welcome to bring your animals to church, and we will bless them after worship under the trees outdoors. It’s a tangible way of showing our love and concern for all of God’s creation.

A special offering will be received at the blessing for the work of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Pastor Jon Christenson



# Applying Bible Principles

The Steinway piano has been the instrument of choice by masters of the keyboard for many years. Pianists such as Rubinstein, Cliburn, Horowitz, Rachmaninoff, and Liszt knew that a skillfully crafted instrument such as the Steinway produces a rich, wonderful sound.

Steinway pianos are built today the same way they were when Henry Steinway started the company in 1845. Two hundred craftsmen and 12,000 parts are required to produce one of these instruments. Most crucial is the rim-bending process where 18 layers of maple are bent around an iron press to create the shape of a Steinway grand. Five coats of lacquer are applied and hand-rubbed to give the piano its outer glow. Each key is tested 10,000 times to ensure quality and durability.

In a similar manner, Christians, followers of Jesus Christ, are being "handcrafted." We are pressed, formed and shaped to make us more and more like Him. We are polished until we "glow." We are tested in the laboratory of human experience to ensure quality and durability.

One of the ways in which we are made in Christ's image concerns our giving. 1 John 3:17 (why not take time to look it up in your Bible?) says that we demonstrate God's love when we see our brother or sister in need and give to meet that need. In fact, the Lord Jesus said that we are to love our neighbor just as we love ourselves, and the illustration He provided was that of the Good Samaritan.

Yes, we are to give to the Lord's work here at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Yes, we are to place a priority in our lives on supporting this ministry financially. But let's not limit ourselves and our service for Christ to the walls of our church. Instead, let's be alert to opportunities to demonstrate God's love to fellow-travelers on the road of life. When we do that, we are demonstrating to ourselves and to all who observe that we have been "handcrafted" in the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

AFTER 9:30 WORSHIP (about 10:45)

BRING YOUR FURRY, FEATHERY, OR SCALY FRIENDS FOR A SPECIAL TIME OF BLESSING

COFFEE HOUR TO FOLLOW



Pictured at left: September 10, Darynne Coomer and Maia Olson are presented Bibles from Karen Musgrove, Sunday School teacher who had these girls memorize the books of the Bible, in order. Good job, girls!



A Conditional Baptism and Confirmation was granted to Ron Gregory on September 10, 2023.



Pictured above is our 2023-24 Sunday School : Back row: Karen Musgrove(teacher), Darynne Coomer, Maia Olson, Leith Coomer. Front row: Luke & Wyatt Griffith, Jaxx Spiller, Leo Olson and Jethro Griffith.

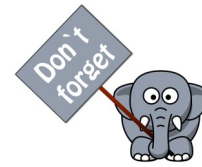
# BUNCO

## OCTOBER 6 @ 5:30





# OCTOBER ACTIVITIES



**LUNCH BUNCH:** Wednesday 10-4-23  
@11am, Old River Grill in the Marketplace,  
9000 Ming Avenue. Please make reserva-  
tions with Judy Olson-Peterson.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY & QUILTING** will meet on  
Wednesday, 10/11/23; 9 am— 2 pm in the Fellowship  
Hall. All are welcome to join us for knitting/crocheting  
prayer shawls, blankets or quilts. Anne-Marie Truax will  
provide snacks. Please bring your own sack lunch.

**AFTERNOON CIRCLE** will be on Wed., October 18@ 1:30  
in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Places:  
Sanctuary from Ephesians 2:19-22 & Gather maga-  
zine. Anne- Marie Truax will bring refreshments. All  
ladies are invited.

**KNITTING MACHINE CLASS** will meet on Tuesday,  
October 24, 9-11 am, Please join us in learning how  
to use the knitting machines. More info: all Karen—  
661-412-1370.



**SENIOR GAME DAY** will be on Wednes-  
day, Oct. 25 in the Fellowship Hall at  
12:00—if you bring your own lunch, 12:30  
if you come to play games. Bring your  
friends....the more the merrier.



**WINE & DINE:** is Thursday 19-26-23 6pm.  
Please watch the church bulletin for place &  
host.

*Thank You!*

*The Fellowship Committee appreciates your  
help in making Rally Day a great kick-off  
for the coming calendar year. We enjoyed  
good food and fellowship thanks to everyone  
who participated. A huge thank to those  
who furnished our meal and to you to all  
who made the day successful!*

*Tammy and Linda*



Sat. October 14  
9 am



Monday October 9  
@ 10 am  
Everyone is Welcome

Church  
Council

October 19 6pm



<b>Pastor Jon</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>Rhett Spillers</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>Annalisa Lipes</b>	<b>08</b>
<b>Margaret Niebel</b>	<b>08</b>
<b>Tammy Smith</b>	<b>08</b>
<b>Julio Gallegos</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Darynne Musgrove-Coomer</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Sarah Elrod</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Colby Christenson</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Silesia Johnson</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Debby Liebzeit</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Shirley Rice</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>David Peterson</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Sherry Clayton</b>	<b>27</b>



<b>Jerry &amp; Kathy McKnight</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Rodney &amp; Gladys Johnson</b>	<b>15</b>



**SAVE THE DATE**

**NOV. 3 & 4**

**Christmas  
Craft Fair**

**Needed: Crafts, baked  
goods and vendors.**

**Questions: Call Phyllis 832-7881**

## TEHACHAPI ROAD TRIP      SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

Our day began at 9:30 in the morning with friends Jan & John Lemley, Carlotta Quashnick, Linda Cohen, George Stilwill, Judy Olson-Peterson, Anne-Marie Truax and Mark & Tammy Smith. Our first stop was to Murray Farms where we visited their gift shop and perused their novelty jams, sauces, fruits and vegetables. From there we headed to Red House BBQ on main street in Tehachapi where we enjoyed the barbeque pulled pork and tri-tip sandwiches with French fries! Lastly, before heading back to Bakersfield, we decided a little dessert was in order so we ended our fun filled day with a trip to "TechachaPie". We feasted on a delicious triple berry pie which sated everyone's appetite. This unique store offered homemade pies, take and bake items such as pot pies and casseroles and a wonderful selection of gift items. George, Anne-Marie and Judy took the long way back to Bakersfield via Lake Isabella to see the fullness of the dam and other sites through the Kern River area. The trip was fun and filled with laughter and we decided next year, we will actually wait until the apples are ready to be picked!



Lunch time at Red House BBQ. Pictured starting in the lower left corner: George, Judy, Carlotta, Jan, John, AnneMarie (in the white shadows), Linda, Mark and Tammy the photographer (not shown.)

An enjoyable outing!



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**



We have a brand new volunteer opportunity for someone looking for a way to help Redeemer. The kiosk in the Narthex needs someone to keep it up to date and positioned for obvious view on Sunday mornings. This task is not too difficult and does not require a lot of time. The kiosk is a super good way to post information. Interested?? Contact Tammy: 549-5159 or Jan: 664-

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# IN HIS SERVICE

Area of Service	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Altar Guild	Becky Grove	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte	Darynne	Maia	Darynne	Maia	Darynne
Assistant to Pastor	Jan	_____	_____	_____	_____
Flowers	Lemley family	Sue Morton	Phyllis	Linda	Haywood family
Reader	Phyllis	Judy	Karen	Nate	Louise
Greeter	Sue Morton	_____	Karen	_____	Sue Morton
Coffee Hour	Dakota	_____	_____	_____	Karen
Counters	Sue Morton -AnneM	AnneMarie	Sue- AnneMarie	AnneMarie	Anne Marie

**NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT REFLECT CHANGES MADE AFTER SEPT. 26**

Aug.25, 2023 ✦ Sept. 25, 2023



Following is a list of our friends who have been lifted up in prayer by our faithful Prayer Warriors.

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|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Harriet        | Bill Silveira           | Family of Rev. Perttula  |
| Reid Olson     | Petra Celedon           | Family of Dorothy Golf   |
| Pastor Donella | Family of Petra Celedon | Family of Harriet Tracey |

Please know that your prayers are so very much appreciated. Thanks and Blessings to all!

## In Memory

Rev, Sir Rueben Perttula  
April 13, 1929—September 2, 2023

Dorothy A Golf  
September , 29, 1929—September 21, 2023



### Reformation Sunday

October 29 /23  
Wear Red



*"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."*

Martin Luther

Pictured at right...Pastor Blessing Bill Silveira's dog, Milo, Randy Fok in back-ground. Blessing of the animals will be on October 8th, after worship. All pets welcome.





# October 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11:00  <b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	2	3	4  Lunch Bunch 11 am  Pacifica 10-11	5	6  Bunco 5:30  	7  A.A. 5:30 pm
8 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11:00 <i>Blessing of Pets</i> 	9 Worship & Music 10 am   <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> Observed	10  Al-Anon 6:30	11 Prayer Shawl & Quilting 9-2  5:30 Sack supper - 6:00 Bible study	12  <b>Columbus Day</b>	13	14   <b>workday.</b> <b>9 am—?</b>  A.A. 5:30 pm
15 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School  Special Congregation meeting	16	17  Al-Anon 6:30	18 Pacifica 10-11  Afternoon Circle 1:30  5:30 Sack supper - 6:00 Bible study	19 Council 6 pm	20	21 Garden Club 9– noon  A.A. 5:30 pm
22 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11:00	23	24 Knitting machine class 9-11 am	25 Senior Game Day 5:30 Sack supper - 6:00 Bible study	26 Wine & Dine 6 pm	27	28  A.A. 5:30 pm
29 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11:00  <b>REFORMATION Sunday</b>	30	31 Reformation Day  Al-Anon 6:30	 <b>Sola Gratia</b> Grace Alone  <b>Sola Fide</b> Faith Alone  <b>Sola Scriptura</b> Scripture Alone		 <b>Pastor Appreciation</b> Oct. 8th.	