



REDEEMER REPORTER

The newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho

Welcome Pastor Mariah!

Installation Sept. 3, 4:30pm

Isn't life interesting? We have experienced an opportunity to practice our flexibility in many ways the past few years and last week gave us another chance! After a short delay, Pastor Mariah is healthy and ready to begin this adventure with us.

So here it is for real!

Pastor Mariah Mills is here! Pastor Mariah began work at Redeemer on Monday, August 21 and is back in the office Monday, August 28th. She will lead services at Redeemer and Grace on Sunday, September 3. Her installation service will be at 4:30 that afternoon at Redeemer. We are very pleased to have Bishop Meggan Manlove presiding. After the service we will celebrate with a reception and supper in the Fellowship Hall. This is not a potluck –The Sorneson Family has graciously offered to host the meal.

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Instant Church Directory

Digital Directory is here – you should have received an invitation to join and to review your information and to submit a new photo for the directory. If you need any help, please contact Lin in the office or Bonita Hammer, 208-841-9563

Streaming Services Begin Again Sunday Sept. 3

With the installation of the wireless in the sanctuary, we are planning to stream services beginning on Sunday, September 3, including the installation service. Look for it on Facebook Live: @Redeemer Lutheran Church Boise and @ Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA Horseshoe Bend. This is a wonderful opportunity to stay connected even if you cannot attend in person.

Gatherings

Special gatherings coming up! This will be an opportunity to reconnect with Redeemer folks and get to know Pastor Mariah and for her to meet us. They will be held in the homes of members for groups of about 10 people. If you would like to host a gathering please contact Bonita Hammer, bonitahammer@icloud.com and we will get a list together. Families will then choose the gathering that fits their schedule and location. This will be fun!

What is happening at the “Church House” (parsonage)

The transition of 2910 Cassia St from a rental to a home for our pastor has been an adventure filled with surprises, challenges, teamwork, laughter, frustration, and joy – just to mention a few emotions!

Changes have included:

Cleaning of all rooms, repairing damaged walls/ceilings, new paint, removal of old carpet and installation of vinyl plank flooring throughout the house, new window coverings on all windows, installing portable air conditioners, upgrading of electrical box, inspection and repair of wiring, new faucet in kitchen, upgraded stove, window repair, installation of washer and dryer, complete renovation of bathroom (down to the studs) including new sink/vanity, toilet and tub surround, refinishing of bath tub, installation of new water heater (old one was installed in 1947!).

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Much appreciation to all the workers:

We were not able to get a contractor although we did hire professionals to help with the electrical, flooring and some plumbing. So, the rest of this was done by hard working volunteers. We are so thankful for everyone. Some were there most every day in August: Jon Faber, Gale Faber, Ashley Seymour, Connie Seymour, Denise Puisto, Brian LeBoeuf, Keith Hammer, Bonita Hammer. We were also blessed to have drop-in help from Brenda and Becky Muhoza, Karen and Jeff Campbell, Julie Hulvey, Kiera May and Sean Briggs; as well as some heavy lifting by the Jones family to install their gifted washer and dryer. We are also grateful to Gale Faber's sister who donated a lovely stove for the kitchen.

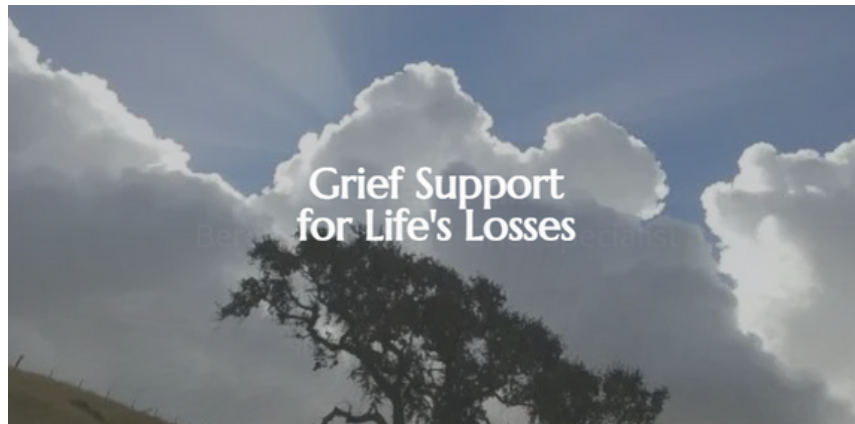
What's next:

There are still major things to do to complete our goal of a comfortable, safe home. A "Church House" committee will be formed to determine next steps based on need and resources as well as addressing ongoing maintenance.

Welcome Pastor Mariah!

Bonita Hammer, Council President

Grief Support Groups Being Offered



Pastor Barbara Condon and her co-facilitator, Tami McLaughlin, will be offering Grief Support groups again this fall. Each group is grief-specific and will run for twelve weeks. The groups being offered are: Loss of Spouse or Life Partner, Loss of Child, Loss of Parent, Loss of Sibling or Close Friend. A Divorce Support groups may also be offered if there is enough interest. We need a minimum of five people for a group to form. All groups will be held via Zoom. Dates and times for the group to meet will be determined once enough have signed up for that group. Please email Barbara Condon at barbarajhc@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

Climate Care

How Do You Love Your Mother (Earth)?

Building Climate Care in Community using Story Circles

Have all the climate change/crisis headlines lately sparked thoughts in your mind that you need to learn more/do something about caring for our beloved Earth? Here's an opportunity to do that!

You are invited to participate in 6 in-person meetings of Story Circles during the months of September and October 2023. The meetings will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2920 Cassia Street, Boise 83705. The meetings will last from 75 to 90 minutes each. Keith Hammer, retired ELCA pastor, is seeking 10 to 12 persons to be a part of this first series of Story Circles. Your commitment is to attend all 6 meetings. The exact dates and times of the meetings will be set based on a poll of the persons who commit to this venture.

A Story Circle is a structured storytelling meeting in which participants sit in a circle and tell personal stories (often 3 to 5 minutes in length) related to the focus of the series of meetings. In this case the theme is Climate Care and ways we join in community to build a present and future that shows love and care for our Planet Earth so that our ancestors can receive the gifts of Earth as we have received them in our lives. In this series of meetings, you might expect to build friendships, learn more ways to care for our Earth, and learn about community storytelling.

Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of her/his/their choice of either Larry L. Rasmussen's book *The Planet You Inherit: Letters to My Grandchildren When Uncertainty's a Sure Thing* (2022) or Mark Yaconelli's book *Between the Listening and the Telling: How Stories Can Save Us* (2022).

The meetings will start the series of meetings by mid-September, so if you are interested, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/D8DLctuD9aTGRAu39> and reply by no later than September 8, 2023. You may email/text Keith with your questions at rkeithhammer@icloud.com or 208-376-7265.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

SEPTEMBER *Celebrations*

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Kathy Kilburg	1
Ed & Tasha Miltner	4
Jeff & Dawn King-Menzner	5
John & Nikki Howard	8
Aaron & Terri Lindemann	27
Gary & Ruth Makovsky	28
Steve Knick & Sue Nass	29
Brian & Kelli LeBoeuf	29

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Knick	6
Hannah Menzner	8
Bea Broker	10
Kathy Stockton	10
Larry Spencer	18
Lee Fischer	21
Roxanne Wasson	22

Keeping in Prayer

Cares and Concerns

Pam Mayer, Roger Oldenberg, Bonnie Yamaski

Pray for our new pastor, the vision of our church, and the unity of the church

Pray for those affected by fires, flooding, earthquakes and other natural disasters

Pray for all who are struggling with health, mental health, unemployment and conflicts in relationships

Grieving

Family of McCaskill/Patton - Karen Frank's sister, Kitty

Family of Jon Yamaski - Gloria Jay's nephew

Family of Gary Osborn - Lin Carlson's brother-in-law

Family of Anna McCully

Family of Pastor Stan Hoobing

Family of Dale Edstrom

Family of Cheryl Walsh

Family of Charlene Kidner

Family of Kari Spencer

Family of Kirk Starry

Family of Fred Riddle

Military

Seth Erickson

Devan Irons

Logan Kostick

Jonathon Negron

Jon Savage

Jim Schmeits

Brian Waybright

COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

On-going Ministries

WWW - Wash, Wipe, Wear

WWW Report for August

Thank you, again, Martina and Grace for being able to help distribute items as I was out of town this month! On this month's distribution in August, Martina and Grace gave out 1950 diapers to 83 families. Also given out:

- Toilet paper
- laundry detergent
- body wash
- washcloths

Also thank you to Martina and Grace who helped bag up all of the products and package the diapers on Thursday. You two are ROCKSTARS! - Jean

Your Rags to Riches

Please continue donating old towels, dish rags, and cotton t-shirts.

Little Free Pantry

Our Little Free Food Pantry is continuing to fill a need. Thank you to all who have been donating items. If you are interested in purchasing an item to donate, here are some common food items that we are in need of: Ready to eat meals like:

- tuna packages
- small individual peanut butter cups
- small individual oatmeal cups.
- small fruit cups
- Mac and Cheese
- canned soup
- cereal

**SUPPORT
WITH CHECK OR
ONLINE GIVING-
DESIGNATE MOM**

Ministry of the Month for September

Corpus Christi House Easing the burden of being homeless

- Public Bathroom & Shower
- Laundry Services
- Public Phone Access
- Space to Socialize, Develop Friends and Network
- Getting out of the weather to warm up or to cool down
- Having a place to sit, read, visit, and recreate without being hassled

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to beautify our worship space with **flowers**, it is very easy to do.

All you have to do is sign up for them on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall (where we have coffee).

The cost is \$35 which you put in the offering plate marked

FLOWERS

or pay it online.

You DO NOT have to contact a florist, that is done for you. Not only do your flowers enhance our service, you also get to take them home with you so that you can enjoy them all week! Thank you!



Your prayers and presence are requested on
 Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 1:00 pm
 for the
 Holy Eucharist
 with the
 Rite of Installation
 of the
 fourth Bishop of the
 Northwest Intermountain Synod
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Rev. Dr. Meggan Hannah Manlove

Cathedral of the Rockies
 717 N 11th St
 Boise, ID 83702

RECEPTION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP by September 15
 to office@nwimsynod.org/509-838-9871

ELCA rostered leaders
 and clergy of other
 traditions are invited to
 vest and process.

Color of the day is red.

RSVP at NWIMSynod.org

FINANCIAL REPORT

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

	June 2023 Actual	July 2023 Actual	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$9,569	\$10,285	\$12,513	\$145,960
Expenses	\$7,851	\$6,321	\$17,402	\$166,381
Net Gain (Loss)	\$1,718	\$3,965	(\$4,889)	(\$20,421)

	July 2022 YTD Actual	July 2023 YTD Actual	2023 YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$79,060	\$78,309	\$83,393	\$145,960
Expenses	\$63,149	\$63,021	\$78,870	\$166,381
Net Gain (Loss)	\$15,911	\$15,287	\$4,523	(\$20,421)

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JULY 31, 2023

	As of 07/2022	As of 07/2023
Women's Checking	Separate Acct.	\$1,188
Good Samaritan Fund	\$2,053	\$1,692
Regular Checking	\$42,713	\$69,809
Regular Savings	\$94,438	\$60,103
Mission Investment	\$22,635	\$23,371
Endowment Fund	\$249,631	\$287,493
Total Assets	\$411,470	\$443,655

Total Income for the month of July 2023 was below budget by \$(2,228). Offering income for July was \$(2,451) below budget. Total income YTD through July is below 2022 total income by \$(752). Total expenses for July were below budget by \$11,081. Total Net Gain for July was \$3,965 and YTD gain was \$15,287. July YTD gain was below 2022 by \$(624) and \$10,764 above budget YTD. Note that a Balance Sheet comparative of 2022 and 2023 account balances through July has been included again this month (see above). Thank you for your continuing financial support of Redeemer's mission.

Submitted by Larry Kidd, Redeemer Treasurer