



# REDEEMER REPORTER

*The newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho*

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## God's Love Made Real

Our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is currently in a period of discernment to discover who God is calling us as a church body to be. This time of discernment is the Future Church: God's Love Made Real project, in partnership with Barna and Fuller Leadership Formation. We are currently in the research stage of this discernment process, which will finish up at the end of this year, with implementation of the learnings from this research happening throughout 2024. The ELCA has invited Rostered Leaders, Congregants, and participants in ELCA ministries to take a survey about their ministry sites to help guide this research.

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I invite you to consider taking this survey to contribute your voice to this research which will shape the next steps of the ELCA's discernment process. For more information about the Future Church: God's Love Made Real project, you can go to [lovemadereal.elca.org](https://lovemadereal.elca.org).

Take the survey here:

<https://dev.barnasurveys.com/Interview/20ea355a-78c4-47a3-9db4-c37a77e287d6>

Through this time of discernment as the church, both the ELCA, and in our own congregation as we consider our own next steps, may we be open to the Holy Spirit's leading.

Peace,  
Pastor Mariah Mills

## Upcoming Events

### Gather Treasure Valley: Events for Young Adults 18-35(ish)

- **Friendsgiving** - Sunday November 12th 5pm at Maddie Glanz's house. Email or text Pastor Mariah for the address.
- **Coffee Chat** - Thursday November 30th 7pm Flying M Coffee Garage in Nampa

**Decorating for Advent:** Thursday, November 30, 9:30 AM

## Mark your calendar!

Advent begins Sunday, December 3rd

Midweek services Wednesdays at 7:00 PM - December 6, 13, and 20

## Cottage Meetings

### Couldn't attend an October Cottage Meeting?

Two more dates have been added in November:

Saturday the 25th at 11:00 AM

Monday, the 27th at 7:00 PM

Take this opportunity to get to know Pastor Mariah and some fellow Redeemer folks.

If you would like childcare, let the office know at 208-344-6758.

If you have trouble signing up online call or email the church office.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Axsad5mtXNm0z5tDif5oMmuMKXAH5Vlar3wh5g0Au9o/edit?usp=sharing>

## *A Celebration of Life* for **Ed Blakeslee**

10:30 AM Service  
followed by a lunch reception

OPEN HOUSE at Sockeye  
Ale House, 36th St. Boise.  
2:00 - 5:00 PM

This service is a celebration of Ed's life and his return to his heavenly home. By request of the family, please wear fun-colored clothes and fun ties.

The celebration of Ed's life will continue in the afternoon with an OPEN HOUSE at Sockeye Ale House

All are welcome to come stop by and celebrate Ed's life with the family. You're invited to wear your favorite sports team's apparel in honor of Ed's love of sports.

## **The Endowment Fund – What exactly is it?**

At some point, you've likely heard someone at Redeemer mention the "Endowment Fund". But what exactly does that mean?

Redeemer's Endowment Fund was originally funded by a family trust (the Vogel Family Charitable Trust) and is managed by the ELCA Ministry Growth Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide a budget for mission work that is beyond the normal operational budget of the congregation. It's important to know that anyone can donate any amount to the Endowment Fund at any time—donations do not have to be an end-of-life donation, nor do they have to be a specified amount.

To date, the Endowment Fund has distributed approximately \$46,756.66! From 2022 we received \$9,267.49 and earlier this year, donations were made to ELCA Good Gifts, Lutheran Community Services – Safe Families, Luther Heights Bible Camp, Trinity Lutheran Church's New Hope Housing, and we paid off the remainder of the Praise the Roof here at Redeemer.

### **We Need Your Help!!!**

The Endowment Committee is once again starting the process of selecting and reviewing potential recipients for distribution funds. We would love input from the Redeemer Congregation and want to know where you would like to see these funds used to make a difference in our outreach and ministry.

If you have any ideas, specific charities, etc. please reach out to any member of the Endowment Committee. You can even drop a note in the offering plate—just be sure to specify that it's an Endowment Fund suggestion. To be reviewed for consideration, all suggestions should be submitted **NO LATER THAN** November 26, 2023. We appreciate any, and all, input! If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the committee: Connie Seymour, Keith Hammer, Matt Arnold, or Claudia Grist.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY



# NOVEMBER

## Celebrations

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jim & Kathy Stockton 11/02

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Erin Fischer	11/01
Denise Puisto	11/03
Doug Jay	11/18
Scott LeBoeuf	11/18
Jennifer Simpson	11/27
Addison Chilcote	11/29



## Keeping in Prayer

Former member Richard Albers recently passed away in a Utah hospital

## MILITARY

Seth Erickson  
Devan Irons  
Logan Kostick  
Jonathon Negrón  
Jon Savage  
Jim Schmeits  
Brian Waybright

## CARES AND CONCERNS

Mike Wallick  
Jill Carlson  
Pam Mayer  
Roger Oldenberg  
Bonnie Yamaski

## GRIEVING

Family of Ed Blakeslee  
Family of Judi Ratzleigh (Anderson)  
Family of Kathryn "Kitty" Patton, McCaskill/Patton  
Family of Anna McCully - Dale Frank's sister  
Family of Pastor Stan Hoobing  
Family of Cheryl Walsh  
Family of Dale Edstrom  
Family of Charlene Kidner  
Family of Kari Spencer

## COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

### Bible Study, Fellowship



### WWW - Wash, Wipe, Wear

It was a lovely Fall day today for our October WWW distribution! It was busier than normal, people were lined up outside the door before we opened! We handed out 2225 diapers to 93 families! We gave away 93 bottles of detergent, 372 rolls of toilet paper, and we also gave out washcloths, toothbrushes, and body wash. And, the kids got candy 😊. Thank you Gale Faber for picking up the diapers; thanks to Linda A., Connie S., and Martina N. who helped package everything up on Thursday, and Jean P and her son who handed it out on Saturday.

## MOM

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

October - November

Agency for New Americans

*Sponsor a family at Christmas*

Please note MOM on your check written to Redeemer Lutheran Church, or designate gift online at [redeemerboise.org](http://redeemerboise.org)

### On-going Community Needs

#### Your Rags to Riches

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

#### Little Free Pantry

non-perishable food

**Gas Card Donations - \$25**



### Need Yardwork?

I'm raising money for a trip and would like to help you clean up your yard.

Call Owen Preboski  
208-921-1613



*All are invited*

**ANNUAL  
OUTREACH  
MEETING**

**NEW DATE  
AND TIME** **NOVEMBER 9  
6:30 PM**

**Annual  
Altar Guild  
Meeting**

November 5, 9:15 AM  
Fellowship Hall

*Please come join us if you are new to the church or have been here many years. If you wonder what this committee does, we are responsible for the altar area; communion, candles, wall hangings. We would love to have you join us!*




**Camp  
Christmas**

**Sign up here!**  
**\$25/family**



[lutherheightsbiblecamp.square.site/camp-christmas](https://lutherheightsbiblecamp.square.site/camp-christmas)

**Join us for our first annual Camp Christmas event for all ages!**  
Celebrate the season with activities, games, story telling, crafts, camp worship\*, and more.  
*Come for some or all!*

**TREASURE VALLEY:**  
KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
DECEMBER 3RD  
FROM 1-4PM\*

**TWIN FALLS:**  
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
DECEMBER 10TH  
FROM 1-4PM\*

**\*BOTH LOCATIONS CLOSE WITH CAMP STYLE WORSHIP FROM 3:30-4PM  
WORSHIP IS FREE! JUST SHOW UP!**

Register at [lutherheightsbiblecamp.square.site/camp-christmas](https://lutherheightsbiblecamp.square.site/camp-christmas)

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

	Aug 2023 Actual	Sept 2023 Actual	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$10,460	\$9,742	\$12,513	\$145,960
Expenses	\$17,846	\$12,944	\$17,402	\$166,381
Net Gain (Loss)	<b>(\$7,387)</b>	<b>(\$3,202)</b>	<b>(\$4,889)</b>	<b>(\$20,421)</b>

	Sept 2022 YTD Actual	Sept 2023 YTD Actual	2023 YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$100,514	\$98,510	\$108,420	\$145,960
Expenses	\$77,900	\$93,811	\$113,675	\$166,381
Net Gain (Loss)	\$22,615	\$4,699	<b>(\$5,255)</b>	<b>(\$20,421)</b>

## BALANCE SHEET AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	As of 09/2022	As of 09/2023
Women's Checking	\$1,270	\$1,182
Good Samaritan Fund	\$1,882	\$1,692
Regular Checking	\$49,833	\$59,866
Regular Savings	\$96,078	\$36,643
Mission Investment	\$22,818	\$23,560
Endowment Fund	\$249,631	\$287,493
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$421,512</b>	<b>\$410,435</b>

Total Income for the month of September 2023 was below budget by \$(2,772). Offering income for September was \$(1,874) below budget. Total income YTD through September is below 2022 total income by \$(2,004). Total expenses for September were below budget by \$(4,459). Total Net Loss for September was \$(3,202) and YTD gain was \$4,699. September YTD gain was below 2022 by \$(17,916) and \$9,953 above budget YTD. Note that a Balance Sheet comparative of 2022 and 2023 account balances through September 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