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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." --Romans 1:16

Before I begin, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me into Redeemer and the Highland area. It has been a true blessing to me, and I look forward to the remainder of my time learning, working, and worshiping with you all here.

As we approach an important anniversary in our Lutheran heritage it only feels proper to reflect on a passage from one of Martin Luther's most beloved books of the Bible: Romans. The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation marks the celebration of the moment when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the doors of Wittenberg. This simple act is seen as the beginnings of the Lutheran Reformation in which long years of reform and struggle took hold of the church at large.

It seems strange to celebrate an anniversary of an event that would one day split the church into so many various groups and denominations. Yet more often than not our reflection on this event stems upon this separation from the church in Rome. We often dwell on the corrupt hierarchy of the church at that time rather than what it was that truly made the Reformation something to celebrate. For the Reformation is something to celebrate, but we should not celebrate it as a time when the church was divided and at war within itself.

Instead we may take a note from that day on October 31st, 1517 when Luther posted his 95 Theses. For his goal was not the division of the church. Rather Luther meant only to proclaim unashamedly the Gospel of God. This then is what we celebrate on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation the truth of the gospel preached in its fullness amongst the people of God in the face of corruption, sin, and the powers of the devil.

This then is truly nothing to be ashamed of. Indeed, we should celebrate the Reformation as ones unashamed of proclaiming the Gospel in its truth. For as Paul writes to the Romans, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." This is the same message we celebrate on any other Sunday, or indeed as we live our daily lives under the gracious hand of God: that He has redeemed us and saved us from our sin.

The Reformation then speaks to us today as we continue on in the history of the church and its saints who came before us. We stand in face of division, persecution, sin, death and the devil with the knowledge that above it all Christ "brings salvation to everyone who believes." So with Paul, with Luther, and with all the saints of the church we should not be ashamed of the Gospel. Instead we should be strengthened in faith to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to all. Celebrate the Reformation then knowing that God has continued the faithful proclamation of the gospel in the church and the world.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR? Remember Redeemer's Special Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes are available year round in the tract rack in the narthex. These thanksgivings will then be printed in the newsletter each month; but not the amount of your offering. These special offerings are intended to give you an opportunity to let your church family know what you are thankful for!



SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

This special gift is given in thankfulness to God for all His blessings. We offer these special gifts to God because we are thankful for...

♥ His Love and Blessings - *Wally & Elli Quandt*

"The Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:4

BIG REDEEMER THANKS TO...

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- Doris Henry for managing the Altar flowers every week.
- Greg McBroom for cleaning out the sump pumps and discharge pipes in the church basement!
- Ladies Society members for hosting a wonderful Farewell to Vicar Wade Bellesbach.
- The Next Generation group for hosting the new member/Vicar Steven Braun Welcome at Meadows Park and Ron Murphy for the chicken.
- Our Redeemer Sunday School and Confirmation teaching and support staff for all of the time and energy they spent helping our children learn about Christ. They are Cyndy Bishop, Roger Rodek, Elizabeth Hecimovich, Sue Douthett, Desiree Ladewig, Peggy Glennie, Lisa Doughman, Jane Kuva, Jill Kreis, Sharon Knuth & Serena Schmitt.
- Our organist Marion Burkman, Handbell Director Beth Wanicki; Adult Choir Directors Meghan Kleinschmidt & Colette Martin; and Youth Choir Director Leah Bishop for all the beautiful music in our worship services.
- Elders, Altar Guild members, Acolytes, offering counters (Paul Schwan, Rich Kowal, Ken Smith & Richard Schepler), Treasurer Laura Toberman and the many committee members who on a regular basis give their time to make sure the church and her worship services & programs run smoothly.
- And thanks to everyone who gives their time & energy...**every "little" thing comes together to keep our church vibrant!**

Thanks!
A small, stylized drawing of a hand holding a heart, positioned below the word "Thanks!"

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Please remember to call or have a family member call to alert the Pastor and Vicar if you are in the hospital and would like a visit. (219-838-4898). The hospitals often do not alert the church office or alert us too late – *even when they ask if you would like them to call the church.* Pastor and Vicar are willing to visit members in the hospital or at home, they just need to be alerted to the need by the individual or a family member. They would also like to include you or your family member in the prayers, if you would like to be included. If you are experiencing an extended illness, bulletins and/or cassette tapes of the Sunday worship service can also be sent to you, please contact Stacy in the church office (219-838-4898).

A NEW MEMBER CLASS is starting in early October. If you would like to join, please talk to Pastor Eric. Looking for a common day/time that will work for most to be able to attend.

REDEEMER IS IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER CONGREGATIONAL RECORDING SECRETARY. Michelle McGill-Vargas has resigned as Congregational Secretary on the Church Council due a recent move to Merrillville and subsequent transfer to a closer congregation. The Congregational Secretary attends monthly Church Council meetings and bi-annual Congregational Assembly meetings; takes minutes for printed distribution; and maintains minutes & committee reports in a binder. Please speak with Paul Boughamer or Bill Namovice of the Stewardship & Planning Committee if you are interested.

LIFELIGHT CLASSES have begun **Wednesdays at 7:00pm.** This fall we will be studying John Kleinig's *Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today.* Kleinig approaches the question of spirituality in today's life through the lens of Christ and an understanding of meditation, prayer, and struggle. This study will cover the book as we seek to discover what and how God gives to us. If you have any questions or would like more information please see Vicar Steve. Books will cost \$16. Please speak with Vicar Steven if you need a book! Not too late to join! First class was an introduction.

REDEEMER OKTOBERFEST will be held on **Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 1PM–4PM.** Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! Roast Hog! Bavarian Pretzels! Bratwurst & Hot Dogs! German Oom-pah Music! Plus Games for the Kids! Bring Your Own Beverage! Please bring a side or dessert to share. Tickets are for sale in the foyer for \$10 per person. **See the enclosed flyer! Please make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church.**

LADIES SOCIETY will meet at **7 p.m. Thursday, October 5th** and will feature guest speaker **Judy Earnshaw from Phil's Friends.** All women are invited to attend. Refreshments and fellowship follow every meeting. Care package items will be collected for cancer patients. See the Ladies Society bulletin board for a list of items needed. Please bring donations to the meeting or you may place them in the basket in the MPR ahead of time. **Also, it is LWML month – Please bring your MITES for our bi-annual collection.**

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR! The 2018 Mission Spending Plan is being formulated by the Stewardship and Planning Committee at their September meeting. Committee Chairs are asked to submit **requests for Mission Spending Plan to the Planning & Stewardship Committee no later than October 6th** to be considered for the 2018 MSP. If you have questions, please speak with Paul Boughamer or Bill Namovice.

The Planning & Stewardship Committee will meet earlier at **6:00 PM on Monday, October 9, 2017** to plan the 2018 Mission Spending Plan.



OCTOBER IS LWML MONTH. Redeemer's Ladies Society will be collecting MITE donations **October 7th & 8th** for the LWML missions. Check out the LWML Mission Grant display to see all the projects funded in our LWML Indiana/Kentucky District. **A Door Offering will be held after all three services.**

THE GARDEN COMMITTEE plans to meet **Saturday, October 14th** for a Fall Garden Clean-up. The time will be **9 am –noon: weather permitting. All volunteers are welcome**, bring gardening tools and gloves. Come when you can.

REDEEMER LADIES! The Fall Rally for the Hammond Zone LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will be on **Wednesday, October 18th** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowell. The meeting will begin with Registration and Continental Breakfast from 9:00-9:30 a.m. followed by a Bible Study, and a presentation by the K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry. After a very short business meeting, we will have lunch and time to visit with our Lutheran sisters from the Hammond Zone. The charge for the catered lunch is \$6.00. Please sign-up on the Ladies Society Bulletin Board so we may give the Lowell ladies a count of Redeemer ladies planning to attend. We will also carpool. We will meet at Redeemer at 8:15 a.m. and leave by 8:25 a.m. for Trinity – Lowell. Of course you don't have to carpool, if you would rather drive yourself. Questions? Call Marilyn Kaegebein 838-0649. **See you in Lowell on Oct. 18th!**



SWADDLING CLOTHES continues to serve needy families in our area every month. In the month of August we served 25 families and gave out almost 500 items. On average, we serve about 20 families per month. About 30% of those are first time visitors to our center. We know many of the return guests by name and they often bring in updated pictures of their little ones to show our volunteers. It's been a truly rewarding ministry and a lot of our guests ask about our circuit congregations.

Current NEED for the following sizes of fall/winter clothing:

Boys 9months, 12mo, 18mo, 24mon, 2t, and 3t

Girls 12mo, 18mo, 2t, and 3t

Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6

Wipes 70 count or larger

As always: please no toys, books, games--we just don't have the space

Next shopping days are Saturdays October 21st and November 18th from 9am to noon.

A HUGE thank you to all who have already donated items!

JOIN IN THE REFORMATION BEER EXCHANGE! On **Saturday, October 21st from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** come to honor Martin Luther's favorite beverage by exchanging craft beers and home brews. Bring a six pack or a twelve pack and switch out for different bottles to try at home. No alcohol will be sold. **Only take as many as you bring.** Maybe you will find a new favorite!

OCT. 22ND YOUNG-AT-HEART FUN AND FOOD GATHERING AT RODECK'S On **Sunday, October 22nd from 3:00 p.m. to around 6:00 p.m.** all Redeemer Young-at-Heart folk (50+) are invited to spend a fun-filled afternoon at Bev and Roger Rodeck's home. Afternoon will include numerous table games with prizes for every person (some funny, some good) capped off by a delicious grilled dinner of hamburgers and/or hot dogs. All who attend are asked to bring a dish to share with everyone. We will provide tea and coffee. If you'd like something else to drink, please bring it with you. **MUST SIGN UP on the church bulletin board BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH** so we can properly prepare for the fun afternoon. See you at our place on Oct. 22nd.

For those who have not visited us before, directions to our Hammond house are posted on the bulletin board next to the sign-up sheet on the Young-at-Heart tri-fold bulletin board in the church foyer.



DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH!

TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE (1) HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS OFFICIALLY AT 2AM ON SUN., NOV. 5.

ALL SAINTS' DAY TO BE OBSERVED NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2017. It has been a long standing tradition of Redeemer congregation to observe the first weekend in November as All Saints' Day. During the services that weekend, the names of those members of Redeemer congregation who have gone to be with the Lord during the previous year are read. The names of those commemorated at the service will be listed in the December/January newsletter.

YOUNG-AT-♥ APPETIZER & BIBLE STUDY Please join the Young-at-Heart Group on **Sunday, November 5th at 5:00 p.m.** in the multi-purpose room, for a Bible Study led by Pastor Kleinschmidt. We will also enjoy a variety of appetizers and desserts. Bring your Bibles and your appetite and be prepared to enjoy some fellowship. We will end the evening with dessert and coffee. Please sign-up on the tri-fold in the foyer if you will be coming and also if you will bring either an appetizer or dessert. Any questions, call Deanna Ryskamp 513-6021 or Donna Wanicki 838-5474.

A DOOR OFFERING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, NOV. 11 & SUNDAY, NOV. 12 AFTER ALL THREE SERVICES TO BE DIVIDED AMONG REDEEMER'S THREE SUPPORTED MISSIONS: Jacob Gaugert, Missionary to Togo, Africa; the Compass International Family Center (Tim & Jessica Burkman) a program of the Northwest Indiana Hispanic Mission Society, Valparaiso, Indiana, and Deaconess Dehlia DeLeon.

YOUTH FOOD DRIVE L.A.W. is sponsoring a food drive for St. James the Less' food pantry. We ask that you bring in food that would be at a Thanksgiving dinner. As you are buying food for your Thanksgiving dinner, please buy an extra of something and bring it to church. We will have the share cupboard out to place your donations in. We will be collecting **November 12th through November 19th.**

**DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH AT 10AM!**

REDEEMER NEWSLETTERS are now being sent **bi-monthly, every other month.** If you know someone who cannot make it regularly to church & would like weekly bulletins sent to them, please have them contact the church office.

ATTENTION ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS! The Altar Guild will meet on **Friday, November 17 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Redeemer kitchen to polish the silver before the Advent/Christmas season begins. Please join in the fellowship and lend a helping hand!

A FALL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY will be held **Sunday, November 19th following the 10:45 a.m. service** to present and adopt the 2017 Mission Spending Plan. All confirmed members of Redeemer are eligible to vote. Please plan to attend! **A copy of the proposed Mission Spending Plan will be posted on the large bulletin board in the foyer before the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns** regarding the 2018 Mission Spending Plan, please contact Paul Boughamer (Chairman, Planning & Stewardship Committee) prior to the meeting.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN THE YOUNG-AT-HEART GROUP for the play "A Wonderful Life" on Thursday, **December 14, 2017 at 2:00 PM (Matinee).** Cost is \$32.00 **due by Sunday, November 19th.** Make checks payable to Donna Wanicki – give to Donna, Deanna Ryskamp, or place in the Young-at-Heart drawer in the church office. Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winner Sheldon Harnick (Fiddler on the Roof) captures the magic of the Frank Capra holiday film. George Bailey's Christmas Eve is transformed by an angel eager to earn his wings by showing the guiding influence one person has on so many others. Filled with the beauty of the season, Bedford Falls bursts on stage with yuletide spirit (despite Old Man Potter's miserly plans) for a musical that applauds the true meaning of Christmas. Mark your calendars for this classic Christmas play. Questions, contact Deanna or Donna.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! REDEEMER'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held on **Sunday, November 19th at 5 pm.** Join your Redeemer family for this annual Thanksgiving tradition. **Tickets are \$8 adults and \$5 kids ages 3-9.** A delicious catered meal will be provided, but please bring a dessert to share and a canned good for a local food bank. Please join us for this special event!

THE ANGEL TREE (*another Redeemer annual tradition*) will be set up & adorned with names of children and families in need this holiday season beginning at the Thanksgiving Dinner (Nov. 13). Please take an angel ornament, buy a gift, wrap it with the angel tag attached, & place it by the tree in the foyer. Questions, contact Jane Kuva 923-7903.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: WOUNDED HEALERS® HOLIDAY HELP PROGRAM is scheduled for **Sunday, November 19, 2017, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.** at the St. James Hall, 9640 Kennedy Avenue, Highland. "Healing through the Holidays" addresses the question "The holidays are coming! But what about my grief?" The program is free and open to the public. Please call 219-924-5577 or go to www.woundedhealers-nwi.com to reserve your seat. A flyer is posted on Redeemer's tri-fold board in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS The Redeemer Youth will be holding their annual wreath sale and will take orders the end of October/beginning of November. Watch the bulletin and foyer signs for more info. An order sheet will be located in the foyer and wreaths will be available for ***pick up the weekend Dec. 2 & 3.***

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN HANGING OF THE GREENS immediately **follow the 10:45 service Sunday, December 3rd.** Pizza and pop will be provided. Stay for lunch and help decorate the church for Christmas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE LADIES SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POT BLESSING AT 6 P.M. ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the Ladies' Society bulletin board, please indicate which delicious dish you will bring to share for the Pot Blessing. Christmas Tree Bunco will be the featured fun game. If you wish to participate in the optional gift exchange, please bring a wrapped item (value \$5). **All** Redeemer ladies and friends are invited to join in the wonderful Christmas fellowship.

SAVE THESE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DATES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AT REDEEMER!

- ★ **Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7 PM** – Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service
- ★ **Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20 at 7 PM** – Advent Evening Prayer
- ★ **Sunday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 PM** – Sunday School Children's Christmas Service
- ★ **Saturday, Dec. 23 at 6:30 PM** – Fourth Sunday in Advent Service
- ★ **Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10 AM** – Fourth Sunday in Advent Matins Service
- ★ **Sunday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 PM & 10 PM** – Christmas Eve Candles & Carols
 - **(No Sunday School, Youth Group or Bible Study)**
- ★ **Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10 AM** – Christmas Holy Communion Service.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: October 13 and October 25-27; November 23-24.

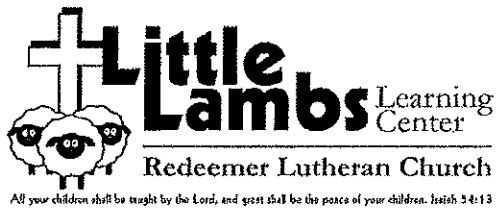
HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICES have resumed **Thursdays at 6pm.** Always looking for subs. If interested, call Beth Wanicki 838-2257.

THE CHOIR LOFT IS OPEN! The **Adult Choir** rehearses on the **2nd & 4th Mondays each month at 6:15 p.m.** New members are always welcome! Just come to practice. Questions, contact one of the choir directors Meghan Kleinschmidt or Colette Martin. Also, **Youth Choir** meets on **Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m.** with Choir Director Leah Bishop.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to greet members and welcome visitors before Sunday services. If you are willing to greet, please pick dates & services to fit your schedule and then **sign-up on the gold sheet located on the tri-fold "Volunteers Needed"** bulletin board in the church foyer. Thanks!



WARM HEARTS, WARM HOMES PROJECT Winter months can be financially difficult on all of us. Most especially the increased heating and other winter costs can be draining on our vicars. We'd like to provide a bit of extra financial help to our Vicar. For each month, **beginning in NOVEMBER through JANUARY**, 10 empty envelopes will be hanging on the trifold bulletin board. We're asking for 10 people each month to take an envelope; put \$20 in it; and return it to the office or in the offering plate. This will provide the Vicar with an extra \$200 a month to pay for winter costs. People may donate more if they choose or take more than one envelope to fill. Please make checks payable to "Redeemer Share Cupboard" and put "Vicar" in the memo line.



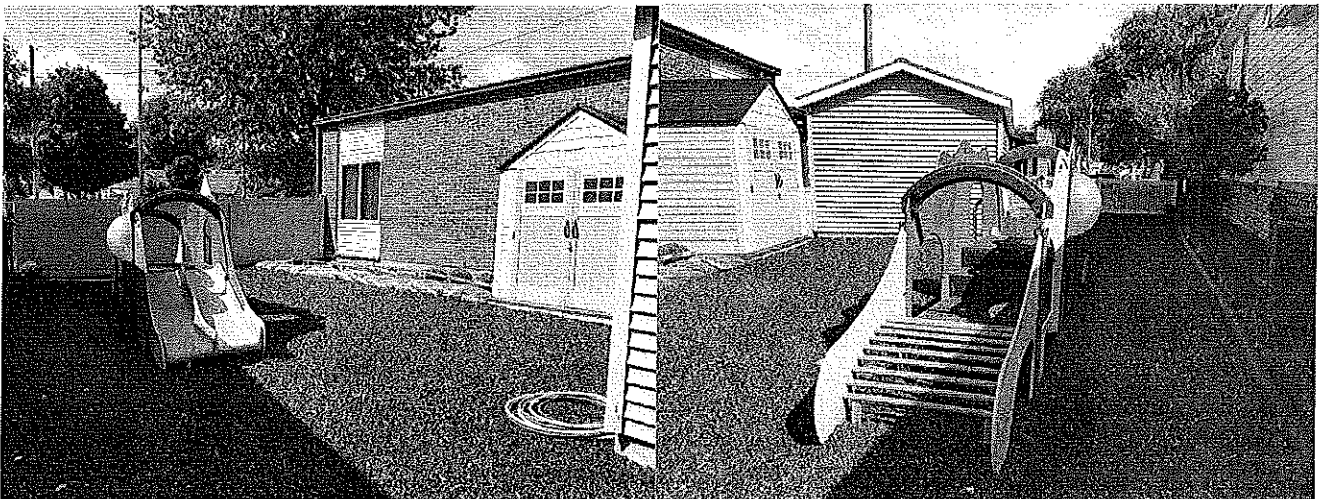
What's Happening at LLLC?

Little Lambs is in full swing. We are very excited to have 11 new children join our school this year for a total of 23 Little Lambers. We are looking forward to sharing the love of Jesus with them and getting them ready for their next steps in school.

Chapel Services: Wednesday and Thursday at 11:00 am (Exceptions: Oct 19th Chapel will be held Tuesday, Oct. 17th due to Field Trip; and No Chapel Oct. 25 & 26, Nov. 22 & 23)

A VERY special THANK YOU to Redeemer's Ladies Society for donating story Bibles and Arch books to the children of Little Lambs!! We handed out 11 Bibles at our chapel services!!

We are so very happy to announce the playground fence, mulch and moving of Mr. Marty (the dinosaur slide) are complete. There are still a few more things to do to fully complete the playground but we are 90% there.



We would like to thank the following people/families for all there help with this project. Without them this would not have been completed:

The Kucgniski Family—they removed bushes, built shed and frame, trimmed foliage around neighbor's side and so much more!!

Wyatt Kucgniski and Troop 533 for putting the mulch down

Roy Nagel and A-line Movers for moving Mr. Marty

The Allison Family, LaBadie Family, Kutynski Family, and Bishop Family for moving all the sod.

Billy Bishop for cutting all the sod.

Stacy Broviak for all the calls made to contractors and assistance given during this project.

Thank you to all the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church for all the support of this project.

Thank you for supporting the children of Little Lambs Learning Center!!

Gratefully,
Cyndy Bishop



Sunday School News - October / November 2017



On September 10th, we began our regular fall class schedule. All children were moved up a grade. If your child hasn't been in attendance yet this fall session, we would love to have you! If you have a child who has yet to be enrolled in Sunday School, we would like to welcome you! Just show up and we can take care of enrolling your child that morning.

The weekend of Sept. 9/10 was Christian Education Weekend. All teachers were installed at the service they were attending. We will continue with regular classes through November 26th with the exception of one weekend in early November to do our annual Thanksgiving cards for shut-ins as well as some Soldier Christmas cards which will go into care packages. If any children would like to make Christmas cards for soldiers on their own at home before November 5th, they can bring them into Sunday School and we will make sure they get included in the batch.

Our offerings for Sunday School and Bible class, beginning on October 8th thru November 5th will be going to Highland based Operation S.O.S. (Support Our Service members), to help with the shipping costs of sending Christmas care packages to our troops deployed in harm's way in both Afghanistan and the Middle East. S.O.S. also accepts donated items to place in the boxes. **The Soldier Wish List is in this newsletter and copies can also be found in this newsletter for anyone wanting to participate.** Please limit your donations to items on the list only. There is a collection box set up in the front hall, or you may take donated items to the collection boxes set up at Miles Books, Highland Town Hall and The Lincoln Center. Deadline for product donations is end of October. Monetary donations can be given directly to Operation SOS as well. The Highland P.O. Box address is on the flyer. Monetary donations are in great need for both shipping costs as well as purchasing products not donated. Let's once again show the troops we care and please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers as they protect us, our freedom and our American way of life. November 11th is Veterans Day. Don't forget to thank a Veteran! *Sgt. Rebecca Schlegelmilch, neice of Peggy Glennie, is currently serving her third deployment in Afghanistan. She and her unit will be recipients of care packages this Christmas. Please keep Sgt. Becky and those who serve in your thoughts and prayers.*

If you just don't know what to do with that left over Halloween Candy and don't want it, you can bring it to church immediately after Halloween and place in the Soldiers collection box. All candy will be bagged up by volunteers and placed in the Christmas care packages to the troops. If you can't make it to church, call Sue Douthett. 922-1047. She will try to collect that from you. We will leave the collection box in place a little past Halloween for the candy donations.

Mark your calendar: Sunday, December 17th will be the annual Children's Christmas Program held at 6:30 p.m. Parents please note: The children will practice during the education hour on December 3, 10 and the 17th. Please make sure they are in attendance for these important practice sessions! Thank you. **Monetary donations to help defray the cost of the Christmas gift bags for the children will be cheerfully accepted between now and December.** You can make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran and mark the memo Children's gift bags. Place in an envelope marked the same and put in Stacy's "In box" on her desk or give to Sue Douthett. Thank you.



THIS IS THE LETTER OF THE L.A.W.

October/November 2017

There is indeed much happening in the Youth Group these days. Do have a look at what all is going on, and consider joining us for one or more of the Youth Group events coming up in these next two months!

Ongoing and Previous Events

Sunday Bible Study: Bible studies will continue as normal. We will be addressing a variety of topics. If you have any topics of your own please let me know, and we can talk about discussing them. I look forward to seeing you all there!

The Car Wash: Thank you to everyone who came for the car wash either to volunteer or donate to our ministry. Your help is always greatly appreciated!

Dining-out Fundraiser at Pot Belly's: The fundraiser was a great success for us. We hope you enjoyed the sandwiches as much as we did! The funds raised will go towards future youth events and causes. We raised over \$200 from this fundraiser and are certainly thankful for your participation!

5 Guys Fundraiser: By the time this letter goes out we will have just had our Five Guys fundraiser on September 24th. Thank you to everyone who came out; we always appreciate your help and support as we seek to raise funds for the upcoming year.

Upcoming Events

October 30th and November 27th Youth Committee Meetings: All parents are invited to the monthly youth committee meetings. The committee will be discussing and planning various future events for the youth. The meeting will be at the usual time and place: the Vicar's office at 6:30 p.m.

Golden Opportunities Books Are Available! They are \$25 each with \$7 made on each book for the Youth Group. The books make **great gifts** for the hard-to-buy-for people on your gift list. They also contain pages upon pages of coupons to use while you shop, eat out or enjoy getting together for fun with friends and family. If you are interested in purchasing a book please see Vicar Steven.

Food Pantry Collection: The youth will be doing their annual Food Pantry Collection. We will distribute bags on November 12th and collect them on November 19th.

Wreath Orders: The Youth will be continuing their annual sale of Christmas Wreaths. Look for the sign-up sheet in the coming weeks. Pickup day is scheduled for December 2nd.

Ronald McDonald House: Mark your calendars for the Youth service event at Ronald McDonald House on January 3rd! We will have more information as this day approaches.

Higher Things 2018: The youth enjoyed their time at Higher Things so much that we are currently planning on attending Higher Things in the coming 2018 summer. This year's Higher Things Conference will take place July 3-6 at Carleton College in Northfield, MN. **A Parent/Youth Meeting will take place during the Youth Group hour (9:15 a.m.) on Sunday, October 8th.** Registration and travel information will be provided and discussed. The youth committee would like to register the group by December 5th to guarantee our group's spots. Please plan to attend or speak with Vicar Steven if you are unable.

I would like to thank everyone for a warm welcome to your church and community. The support I have received is a true blessing, and I look forward to continuing to work with you all and the youth group in the coming months.

Yours in Christ,

Vicar Steve

Redeemer Ladies' Society Meeting- September 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Kathy Gaskey, President, with 20 members and 2 guests in attendance. An opening prayer and devotion were given by Roseanne Bohanan. Minutes were read and approved pending a correction made. (Helen Flowers name mistakenly placed for Helen Carlson in the section thanking them for the work on the tables) There was no correspondence. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Committee Reports

Little Lambs- Per Cyndy Bishop the new playground with fence will be done soon.

Hospitality- Kathy Gaskey expressed her gratitude for the dedication and hard work that Dee Reitz and Doris Henry have put into running this committee.

Membership- Sharon Knuth welcomed Judy Vaul and Sharon Degard.

Publicity- Per Jesicka the cost for advertising for the rummage sale has gone down. The Times is now giving a church discount. The cost went from \$100.00 to \$40.00.

LWML Zone- Marilyn Kaegebein gave a detailed breakdown of the zones from Indiana and part of Kentucky that make up the Indiana district. The Indiana district convention will be held June 29th 2018 – July 1st 2018. There are several volunteers who have agreed to help on various committees to support the convention. More help is needed. There will be an ongoing discussion throughout the next few meetings as we progress towards the convention. Marilyn also shared the new logo for LWML. A tentative meeting has been set for committee chairs on November 11th. The location of the meeting is still under discussion. The Hammond zone fall rally will take place at Trinity Lowell on October 18th. Registration begins at 9 am with a continental breakfast. The cost is \$6 which includes a catered lunch. There will be a speaker from "K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry" please RSVP by October 14th. Kathy Gaskey and Roseanne Bohanan also shared their experience at the national convention in Albuquerque over the summer. They brought in pictures for the group to share.

Community Outreach- Kathy Gaskey thanked Linda Owens for her hard work on this committee. A suggestion has been made to add postage on the item list for the kitchen shower to help with the cost of mailing cards. Per Donna Wanicki, volunteers are needed at Wittenberg on Thursdays from 2-3 pm during bingo time.

Old Business

The summer rummage sale was a success. Roseanne Bohanan was thanked for her hard work on the successful bake sale. A discussion was started by rummage sale committee chairs Sarah Hildenbrand and Cyndy Bishop not to have a rummage sale next summer as we will be prepping for the district convention. Instead, ladies society will ask the youth group to have a parking lot sale in June and we will have a bake sale during that time. We will all discuss ways of making money throughout the year. A motion was made and approved. **There will not be a rummage sale in the summer of 2018.**

New Business

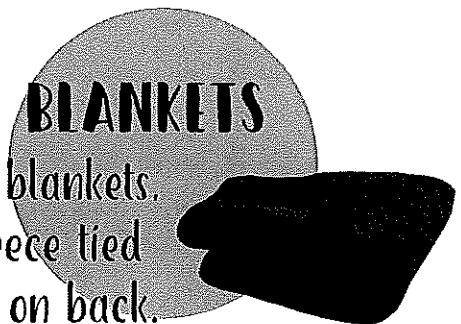
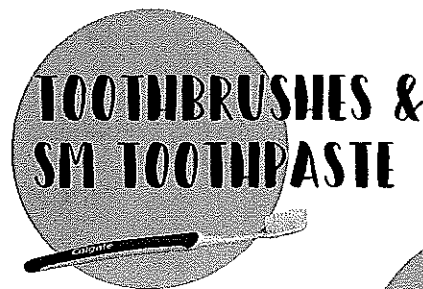
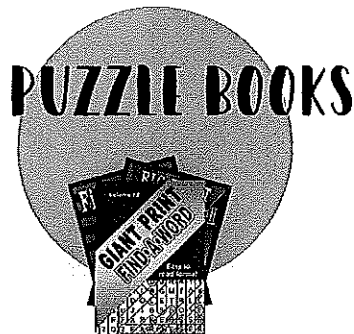
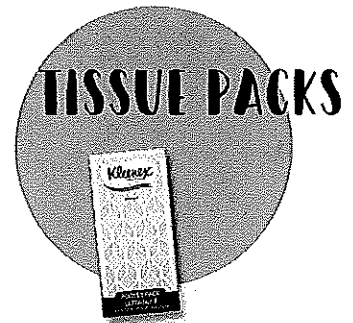
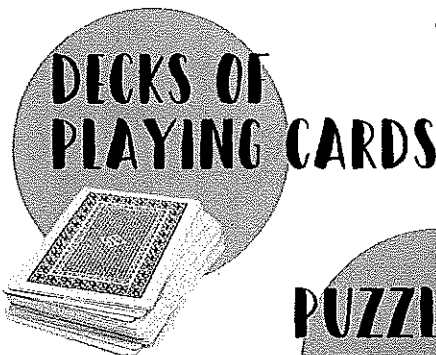
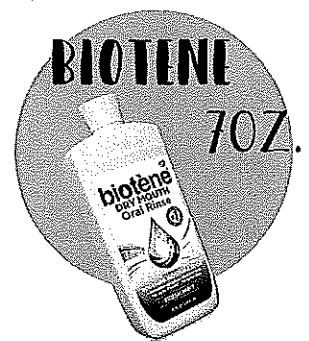
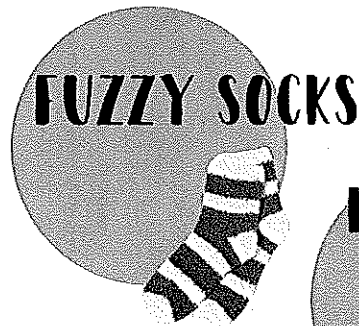
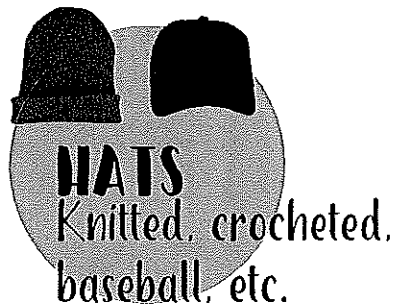
The October 5th meeting will include a speaker from "Phil's Friends" Judy Earnshaw will join us to discuss the work they do. We will be taking donations of hats, lip balm, lotion, word books (see flier) to give during the meeting. Kathy Gaskey will get a basket to put on the share cupboard if you would like to drop off items before. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and Grace followed. Members were treated to fellowship hosted by Donna Wanicki, Marion Burkman, and Bev Rodeck

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Hildenbrand, Secretary

CARE PACKAGE NEEDS

Please note: All items need to be new and unused, because cancer patients have compromised immune systems.



Rolled throw blankets,
crocheted, or fleece tied
See instructions on back.



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FLEECE BLANKET INSTRUCTIONS

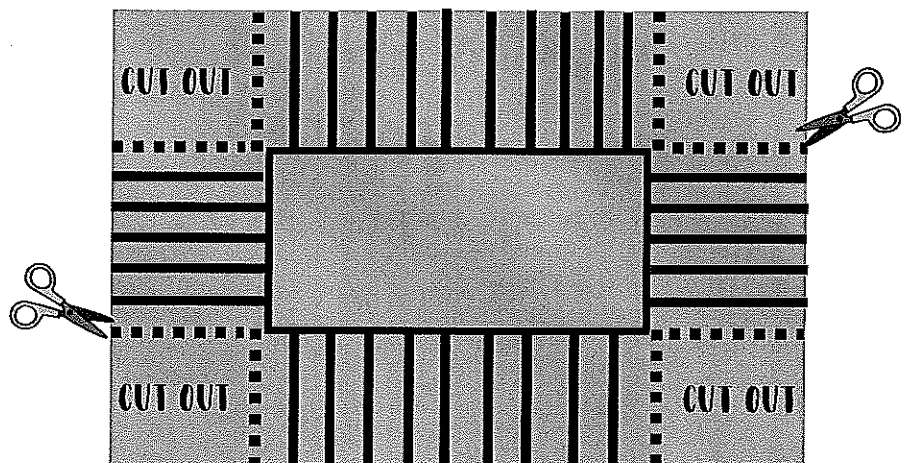
1. Select fleece material for a two-sided blanket. When selecting the material, choose one that is patterned and one that is a solid coordinating color. Purchase enough fabric to make a blanket that measures 40"x 50" (adult blanket) or 40"x40" (child blanket).

2. Spread out the material on a flat surface with the softer or more brightly colored sides facing out. Keep the fleece pieces together and trim the edges, if needed, to meet the size requirements.

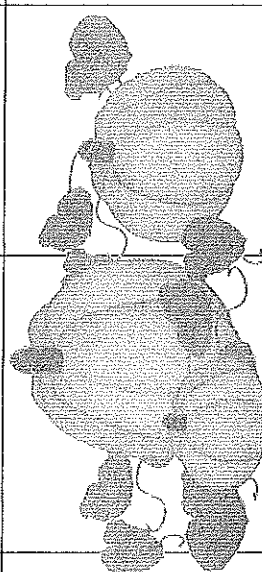
3. Cut out a 4"x4" square of fabric out of each corner. Make sure that you are cutting both pieces of fleece at the same time. After the square corners are cut, start cutting strips along the sides of the blanket. Starting at the corner, cut strips approximately 2/3 to 1" wide and 4" long. The strips don't have to be exactly uniform, but they should be approximately the same size.

4. Once your blanket fringes have been cut, tie the strips together using a simple knot, attaching the bottom layer to the top layer. Make sure the knots are tied tight. You'll want to tie two knots in each strip.

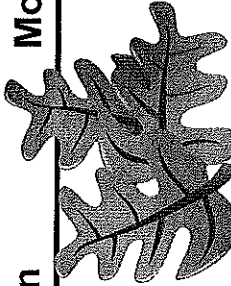
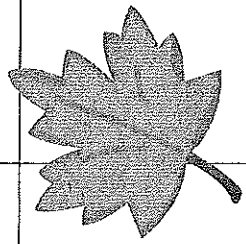
5. When finished tying, trim the fringes, so that they are neat and even.



OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C. 12 p.m. Trustees Mtg.	2 7:00 p.m. Elders	3 9:30-11 a.m. Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Lowell) <i>Little Lambs Photos (NC)</i>	4 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 7:00 p.m. LifeLight <i>Little Lambs Photos (NC)</i>	5 11:00 a.m. LL Chapel 6:00 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Ladies Society Guest Speaker & MITES <i>Pastor Eric at Vicarage</i>	6 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i>	7 <i>LWML Door Offering</i> 6:30 p.m. Vespers
8 <i>LWML Door Offering</i> 8:00 a.m. H. C. 9:15 a.m. SS/BC <i>Youth-Parent Higher Things Meeting (MPR)</i> 10:45 a.m. H. C. 1 p.m. Leathercrafters	9 6:15 p.m. Choir 6:00 p.m. Stewardship/Planning 7:30 p.m. Church Council	10 9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastors' Conf. At Trinity, Hammond 9:30-11 a.m. Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 pm Dartball (Home)	11 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	12 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice	13 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> <i>Secretary Off</i> OFFICE CLOSED	14 9 a.m.—Noon Garden Fall Clean-up 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
15 8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C. 1pm-4pm Oktoberfest	16 6:15 p.m. Choir	17 9:30-11 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. LL Chapel 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir 6 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation NO Dartball	18 <i>Secretary Off</i> 9 a.m. LWML Fall Rally At Trinity, Lowell 11:00 a.m. LL Chapel 6:00 p.m. Meeting (NC) 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	19 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice <i>Little Lambs Field Trips—Scheeringa Farms</i>	20 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i>	21 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day (at Grace) 11 a.m.—12 p.m. Reformation Beer Exchange 6:30 p.m. Vespers
22 8:00 a.m. H. C. 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C. 3-6 p.m. Young-at-Heart at the Rodecks	23 6:15 p.m. Choir	24 9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 1-3 p.m. (Free) Thrivent Retirement Seminar (MPR) 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir NO Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)	25 <i>Secretary Off</i> OFFICE CLOSED 10:30-11:30 a.m. Little Lambs Party (Early Release) 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	26 <i>Secretary Off</i> OFFICE CLOSED	27 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> <i>Secretary Off</i> OFFICE CLOSED NO Little Lambs	28 <i>Reformation Obs</i> 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
29 <i>Reformation Obs</i> 8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C.	30 6:30 p.m. Youth Committee Mtg. NO Little Lambs	31 <i>500th Anniversary of the Reformation</i> 9:30-11 a.m. Bible Study 10:30-11:30 a.m. Little Lambs Party NO Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)				

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>5 <i>All Saints' Day Obs.</i> 8:00 a.m. H. C. 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C. 12 p.m. Trustees Mtg. 5:00 p.m. Young-at-Heart Bible Study w/ Snacks</p>	<p>6 7:00 p.m. Elders</p>	<p>7 9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Resurrection)</p>	<p>1 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p>	<p>2 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 7:00 p.m. Ladies Society Mtg.</p>	<p>3 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p>	<p>4 <i>All Saints' Day Obs.</i> 6:30 p.m. Vespers TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BED!</p>
<p>12 <i>Mission Door Offering</i> 8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC (<i>Youth Dist. Bags</i>) 10:45 a.m. H. C.</p>	<p>13 10:00 AM DEC.-JAN. Newsletter Deadline 6:15 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Planning 7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>14 9:00 a.m. Pastors' Circuit Conf. (at St. Paul, Munster) 9:30—11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Chesterton)</p>	<p>15 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 6:00 p.m. Meeting (N.C.) 7:00 p.m. LifeLight</p>	<p>16 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice</p>	<p>17 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Polish Silver</p>	<p>18 8:30—11:30 a.m. Lutheran Laymen's League Meeting (MPR) 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day (at Grace) 6:30 p.m. Vespers</p>
<p>19 8:00 a.m. H. C. 9:15 a.m. SS/BC (<i>Youth Pick up Bags</i>) 10:45 a.m. H. C. 12 p.m. Cong. Assembly 1 p.m. Leathercrafters 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner (<i>Angel Tree</i>)</p>	<p>20 10:30-11:30 a.m. Little Lambs Thanksgiving Feast (Early Release)</p>	<p>21 10:30-11:30 a.m. Little Lambs Thanksgiving Feast 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Home)</p>	<p>22 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service NO Little Lambs</p>	<p>23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED NO Little Lambs</p>	<p>24 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> OFFICE CLOSED NO Little Lambs</p>	<p>25 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>26 8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. SS/YG/BC 10:45 a.m. H. C.</p>	<p>27 6:15 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Youth Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>28 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Dartball (St. Paul #1)</p>	<p>29 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel</p>	<p>30 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice</p>		

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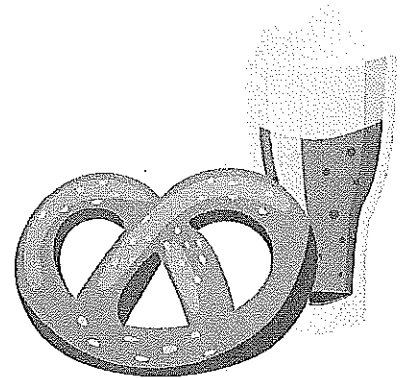
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ROAST HOG!

"Arise, O Lord, and judge thy cause. A wild boar has invaded thy vineyard... The books of Martin Luther which contain these errors are to be examined and burned."

- Luther's Papal Bull of Excommunication 1520

Bavarian Pretzels!



Bratwurst & Hot Dogs!

Bring Your Own Beverage!

YES! That includes the responsible consumption of Beer and Wine!

Please also bring a side or dessert to share

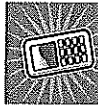
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Music!



Games
for the
Kids!

Collections at Redeemer:

- Campbell Soup Labels
(*box in church KITCHEN – for Bethesda Homes*)
- Aluminum Pop Tabs
(*basket in church foyer – for Ronald McDonald House*)
- Ink Jet Cartridges (Small cartridges only – *cannot have been previously refilled*)
(*basket in church foyer – for Redeemer Youth Group*)
- Aluminum Cans [RINSED & crushed]
(*porch behind church foyer – for Redeemer Youth*)
- Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Junk Mail, Copy Paper, Shredded Paper (**shredded paper ONLY put in plastic bags**) – **NO** PHONE BOOKS, CARDBOARD, OR PLASTIC
(*Green & Yellow Dumpster in church parking lot – for Youth*)
- Old Cell Phones – **only the phone & battery (no chargers)**
(*basket in church foyer – for Redeemer Youth Group*)
Please make sure you have deleted all your contacts & info!



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Saturday.....6:30 p.m.

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.....10:45 a.m.

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Office will be CLOSED October 27th and November 23rd & 24th.

It is the mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church through worship, fellowship, witness, service and education to proclaim Jesus Christ as God's Son and the world's Savior, crucified and risen from death to give us NEW LIFE

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