

October Ringer 2026



Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Hours: Wednesday through Friday 8:30-4:30

Calendar Dates

Oct.4th- 9:30a.m Sunday Service with the Choir

Oct.6th- 5:30p.m. Church Council

Oct. 7th- 6:15p.m Bells Practice

**Oct. 8th- 8:30a.m. Breakfast Club, 6:30p.m. Guys Night Out
(Blue Sky Brewery)**

Oct. 10th- 11:00a.m. Rejoicing Spirits

Oct. 11th-9:30a.m. Sunday Service with the Bells Choir

Oct.14th- Start of Silver Needles quilt show

**Oct.18th- 8:30a.m Sunday School and Confirmation,
9:30a.m Sunday Service, 2:00p.m Training for Alter Guild,
3:00p.m Training for Partners in Ministry**

Oct. 19th- 6:00p.m. Silver Needles Meeting

Oct. 20th- 11:30a.m Souper Sisters Lunch

**Oct. 24th- 9:00a.m to 5:00p.m Feed My Children @ First
United Methodist**

**Oct. 25th- 9:30a.m. Sunday Service, 1:00pm to 6:00p.m
Feed my Children**

Oct. 28th- 6:15p.m Choir Practice

Oct. 31st- Happy Halloween!!

5:30-7:30p.m. Trunk or Treat



Dear Redeemer Saints:

As I prepare for my sermon, I consult a wide variety of sources. As I was preparing for my sermon this past week, I came across a short article in Sundays and Seasons, which is our worship site. I felt it was worth sharing with you.

Discomfort: Sign of Grace?

Poor Jonah. The guy never could get comfortable. He was uncomfortable with his God-given call to preach to Nineveh; he was uncomfortable in the arms of the sailors as they hoisted him over the boat's edge and tossed him into the sea; he was uncomfortable as the ocean's raging waves flung him about like flotsam; he was—undoubtedly—uncomfortable in the fish's belly; and he was uncomfortable and downright angry with God's mercy on the people of Nineveh. Jonah had a hard time getting comfortable with himself, and, even more so, Jonah was uneasy embracing the wideness of God's grace. The same can be said about the laborers in Jesus' parable here in Matthew 20. The laborers who came in the early morning hours grumbled against the landowner because they were paid the same as others who started later and worked fewer hours. These laborers are ill-at-ease with the landowner's choice "to give to this last the same as I give to you" (Matt. 20:14). Like Jonah, they are uncomfortable with the unchecked mercy offered by the landowner/God. God doesn't play by our rules, and that can be very discomfoting for us all. Our discomfort with grace manifests itself in all sorts of ways. It can be discomfoting for us to engage the poor and the outcast of our society. It can be discomfoting for us to welcome immigrants into our communities. It can be discomfoting to address the pervasive racism that still surrounds us. And it can be very discomfoting for us to open our lives to the transforming power of the cross of Christ, whereby "the last will be first, and the first will be last" (Matt. 20:16). Could it be that the more uncomfortable we become with the reckless love of God, the closer we are to understanding the meaning of grace? We Lutherans talk and preach a lot about grace, but I often wonder do we really, truly and completely understand how wonderful the grace of God is.

Pastor Del



Council Highlights

- * We have contracted with Grain Belt to construct the railing for the sidewalk entry to the church.
Building insurance will go up by \$200 next year.
- * Grant is working on getting the AED training set up.
Time & Talent Sheets will be available in October for 2027 volunteers.
Giving Campaign will begin in October.
- * Council approved the purchase of S.O.S. Program (Substitute Organ Solution) created by David Rankin. It will electronically play OUR organ for events.
- * October 24-25 the Feed Our Children Program will be packing food at the First United Methodist Church downtown. Redeemer would like to have a few teams sign up to work. tom Mertz is creating shirts for the event. Please see him for more information.
- * Pastor will be leading training for Altar Guild and Partners In Ministry on October 18.

A word from our Treasurer

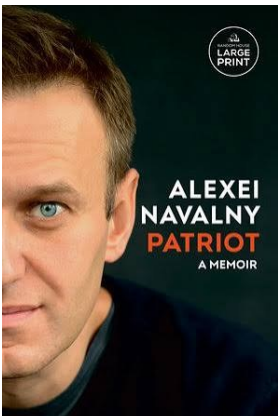
YTD Income:\$211,702.06

YTD Expenses: \$150,132.42

Mortgage Owed: \$178,427.47

Total Amt of Endowment Fund

Page Turners



Alexei Navalny began writing *Patriot* shortly after his near-fatal poisoning in 2020. It is the full story of his life: his youth, his call to activism, his marriage and family, his commitment to challenging a world super-power determined to silence him, and his total conviction that change cannot be resisted—and will come. “This book is a testament not only to Alexei’s life, but to his unwavering commitment to the fight against dictatorship—a fight he gave everything for, including his life. Through its pages, readers will come to know the man I loved deeply—a man of profound integrity and unyielding courage. Sharing his story will not only honor his memory but also inspire others to stand up for what is right and to never lose sight of the values that truly matter.”

Rally Sunday

2024



Craft Fair



YAY REDEEMER! IT WAS A GREAT DAY! I'd like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all of our members who gave monetary donations, made their special crafts, helped with set up, distributed signs, made those delicious baked goods, and helped assist with the finance options (Kris Johanson and Mary Shaffer). Also, a special "THANK YOU" goes to Kathy Lowman, Nancy McDonald and Janet Whitaker for their early and continuing help and support throughout the day. Side note: We had lots great comments from the vendors and shoppers about how friendly and helpful we were.

Carol Keeler

ANNOUNCEMENT



THANK YOU SO MUCH.....for the donations we have received so far, to use towards the Building Insurance Deductible.

We received an anonymous donation of \$12,697.53 and now have received an additional \$6,280.00, so our total collected is \$18,977.53.

The balance left, to get to our \$25,000.00 goal, is \$6,022.47.

YOU ALWAYS STEP UP WHEN YOU ARE NEEDED!

Many blessings to you!

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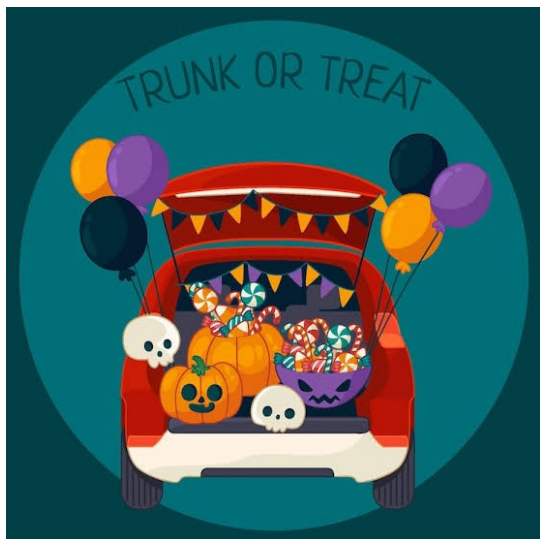
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October 3rd funeral Pam Strahan at 10am lunch following.

Sewing club will start again in October but will be October 22nd. Anyone who likes to sew is invited to join us. We met from 10:00 until around 3:00 taking time off for lunch.

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. The November Newsletter deadline is October 20th, 2026. Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

Trunk or treat will be on October 31st from 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer!



Fall Fix up for Salina will be Oct. 3rd from 8am to noon if you are interested please contact Jane Anderson at (785) 493-8491

Saline County Relay for Life American Cancer Society is having their annual Pie Fundraiser. There is a sign up sheet and envelope on the Welcome Center. Deadline for orders is November 6 and pies will be delivered November 20th. Please contact Cheryl Itschner if you have questions. [785-822-2693](tel:785-822-2693)

Time and talent will be coming out for you to sign up for volunteer opportunities for 2027!

Your 2026 Nominating Committee this year consists of Lana Jordan, Spencer Melhus & Kris Johanson. The Ballot of people to vote on is at the December 2026 Congregational Meeting.

We are asking REDEEMER to step up and serve in these positions beginning in 2027....

Council Members: 3 people needed; Serve a 3 yr term; Meets once a month

Endowment Board: 1 person needed; Serve a 2 yr term; Meets quarterly

Synod Assembly Delegates: 2 people needed; In Person meeting in KC, June 2027; Once a year

Nominating Committee: 1 person needed from Congregation to serve with 2 Council members going off in 2028

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for considering any of these positions! They must be filled, so we would GREATLY APPRECIATE Redeemer coming to us and volunteering.

FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN



Hands of Hope

Feed My Starving Children

www.fmsc.org



When International Care Ministries (ICM) first met three-year-old Shaimie, she weighed just 11 pounds and was unable to sit up, walk, or speak because of severe malnutrition. Living in a remote area of the Philippines, Shaimie and her mother traveled four hours round-trip, five days a week for four months so she could receive nutritious Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MannaPack™ meals and medical care. By the end of the program, Shaimie had gained weight, learned to walk, and even began calling her parents "Mama" and "Papa." Although she remains smaller than her twin sister, her remarkable recovery shows the life-changing impact that nutritious meals can have on a child.

Please volunteer and donate today to help more kids like Shaimie.

We are looking for
teams of eight to sign
up to help please visit
fmsc.org

Hands of Hope Mobile Pack Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

Sat., Oct. 24 (9am-5pm) & Sun., Oct. 25 (1pm-6pm)

Salina First United Methodist Church, 122 N. 8th St., Salina, KS

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help us pack meals for God's children! Every day, more than 6,200 children die from starvation. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit that provides nutritious, volunteer-packed meals to children around the world. All donations are tax deductible. \$1 will feed a starving child 3 meals.

400-500 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Visit give.fmsc.org/salina to volunteer. Registration opens Sep. 12. Sign up as an individual or with a team using your name and email address. A reminder email will be sent before your packing shift.

What We Need

We need volunteers & \$30,000 to fund
101,000 meals (less than \$.30 per meal).
Join the FUN to pack the meals.

Donate Online:

Visit fmsc.org and select Menu → Ways to Give → Donate to a
MobilePack → Kansas → Salina Hands of Hope MobilePack
Cash Donations are always welcome

*Checks may be mailed or delivered to: Salina First United Methodist Church, 122 N. 8th St., Salina, KS 67401
Or mail directly to: Feed My Starving Children (Salina Mobile Pack), 401 93rd Ave., Coon Rapids, MN 55433 | (Include "2610-270EA" in the memo.)*

God's Work Our Hands:

Hands of Hope Mobile Packing: Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

Help pack meals for God's Children! Every day, more than 6,200 children die from starvation. Feed my Starving children is a Christian Nonprofit that provides nutritious, volunteer-packed meals to children around the world. All donations are tax deductible. \$1 will feed a starving child 3 meals.

How to help:

Volunteer:

Sign up as individual or with a team, using your name and email address. A reminder email will be sent before your shift. To volunteer visit give.fmsc.org/salina

Options: 2-hour time slots

Saturday Oct 24 (9 am -5 pm)

Sunday Oct 25 (1 pm – 6 pm)

Location: Salina United Methodist Church,
122 N. 8th Steet,
Salina, Kansas

Donate:

Online Visit give.fmsc.org/salina and select Menu

☞ Ways to give ☞ Donate to ☞ MobilePack

☞ Kansas ☞ Salina Hands of HopeMobilePack

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Sample of Website: give.fmsc.org/salina

The screenshot shows the Give FMSC website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Get Involved, Ways to Give, Impact of Our Work, About Us, Marketplace, Donate, Volunteer, and Log In. The main heading is "2610-270EA - HANDS OF HOPE MOBILEPACK" with a "View Details" link. Below this, location information is provided: 70.2 miles from your location, First United Methodist Church, 122 N. 8th St., Salina, KS 67401, with a "View Map" link. Contact info for Bryan Anderson, Event Host, is listed: 1-785-825-8228 and bryan@feedmystarvingchildren.org. The date range is Friday, October 23, 2026 - Sunday, October 25, 2026. A "Hide 8 Packing Times" button is visible. A note states: "Currently displaying all packing times. Due to high volunteer interest, some packing times may be completely full." A filter section asks "Want to narrow down the list?" with options to filter by available spots, time of day or day(s) of the week, and buttons for "Available Shifts" and "Filter Shifts". A "Double your Impact" button is on the right. The shift schedule is as follows:

Day	Time Slot	Status
Friday, October 23, 2026	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Full
	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Full
Saturday, October 24, 2026	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	91 Spot(s) Available
	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	84 Spot(s) Available
	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	100 Spot(s) Available
Sunday, October 25, 2026	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	82 Spot(s) Available
	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	80 Spot(s) Available
	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	20 Spot(s) Available

Delivery of food for Blessing Box from Salemsborg/Falun Parish 1797 Items plus Cash donation. Ryley Wimer age 7 was the driving force for such a wonderful turn out for this food collection.





October Birthdays

Mary Shaffer 10/4

Lana Jordan 10/9

Paula Smith 10/12

David Wahlgren 10/14

Aaden Nuss 10/19

Denise Dusin 10/22

James Nelsen 10/27

Vivian Cook 10/31

Marilee Vancil 10/5

Craig Alstatt 10/11

Jamie Lovin 10/13

Phil Sedo 10/15

Shellee Callahan 10/20

Steve Callahan 10/22

Doug Leavy 10/27

Mike Ramage 10/8

Sam Neff 10/12

Betty Baxter 10/13

Meghan Smith 10/16

Rod Anderson 10/22

Diedre Aurand 10/24

Judy Clausen 10/29



David & Charlotte Herrman

10/14/1972

Joe & Anita Hartley

10/20/2001

Zack & Jordan Burkholder

10/21/2003

Curtis & Andrea Pickering

10/22/2025





On September 20, Ryne Callahan gave a children's sermon about this new community resource.

ReUse It Salina is kind of like GoodWill for construction materials, hardware and household goods. You can donate these materials, or you can shop there. (If you used to take items to the DAV, this is a great alternative!)

They have an amazing array of "gently used" furniture, lumber, electronics, and more.

Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00-7:00

Saturdays 8:00-5:00

ReUse It Salina is located at 549 North Ohio Street, south of the overpass, on the west side. If you go, look for the big sign out front, made by Ryne Callahan for his Eagle Scout project. Great job, Ryne!

If you're looking to buy, they also have a website that shows all the materials they currently have in stock, so you can "shop" at <https://www.reuseitsalina.org> before you go in person.

Both your cash and in-kind material donations are tax-deductible. The facility has a loading dock and skid steer that can be used to unload larger items. Because of all the items donated by community members, they have diverted 402,638 pounds of materials from the landfill!

~ Mary Mertz