

# The Ringer

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## From the Pastor

"Agrippa said to Festus, 'This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to the emperor.'" Acts 26:32

Paul was hauled before the authorities after he had been seized by those that felt he had defiled the temple and were against his teaching and proclaiming Jesus Christ to the gentiles. He stood before the Jewish council and they determined that he should die...but Paul was not just a Jewish citizen but somehow he was also a citizen of Rome (either by virtue of his own life or perhaps his father's) on those grounds he had appealed his case to the highest authority on earth at this time, the emperor himself. On his trek through the system and en route to Rome he declares his mission to the governor Festus and Festus has him also examined by Agrippa (Herod the Great's son and king of part of Judea himself). Agrippa tells Festus the above line...basically saying Paul went too far in his appeal and like a prophecy could very well have doomed himself. They in their capacity could have released him, they could have also provided some protection if the plot to kill him were to reemerge. But here they were with their hands tied by this appeal to the highest authority on earth, the emperor. The emperor had absolute power to wield death to anyone he deemed a threat to what he called the Peace of Rome, whether it was real or not.

Paul may have felt regret that he had acted the way he did...but I think this shows how God uses even our impetuous decisions to proclaim who he is. In these scenes of Paul's trials Paul is given the opportunity to declare Christ and him crucified to the Temple Council, to the Governor of Judea and Jerusalem, and to King Agrippa and later in Rome "proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance." (Acts 28:31) He did this all the while sitting under house arrest.

God has a way to make the story of his reign known. I pray that as we look at the various areas of ministry and gifts that each of us possess we will be bold in sharing how God comes to us for our salvation in Christ and calls us to declare him to both high and low.

*In Christ,  
Pastor David.*

# Council Highlights

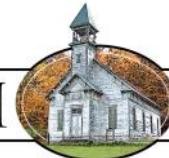
## Redeemer Lutheran Church Council – September 12, 2019

### ***Council Highlights***

1. Property committee had to have emergency repairs done to the air conditioner south unit in the sanctuary plus repairs are needed on our other units.
2. Paris to Pittsburgh film has been rescheduled for Nov. 21st at 6:30 pm at KWU.
3. Generosity Committee has been working hard to get this year's Stewardship season kicked off for Sunday, September 29th at 9 am. The council asks for your support by attending this important meeting.

*Council Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Council Bulletin Board and in the office.*

*Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 6pm.*



**CHURCH COUNCIL**

# Budget Information

### ***Treasurers Report for August***

Total income - \$208,108.65  
Budgeted income - \$295,100.00

Total expense - \$184,077.11  
Budgeted expense - \$297,470.00

Mortgage balance as of July 29, 2019 - \$402,791.41



# Church Events



## Trunk or Treat

Decorated trunks, a bouncy house, candy (we need LOTS OF CANDY) and lots of helpers are just a few of the things that make this a big community event. Free will offering recipient is **Salina Shares**.

This event takes a lot of people to make it work. Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering space. Sign up and plan on a fun evening!

## PAGETURNERS

October 15

Only Child

Hosts—David Wahlgren

Book Club Meets on  
the 4th Tuesday of  
the month.

(there are a few exceptions)

October 31st  
Thursday evening  
5:00 to 7:00

"Perfect for fans of Room, this heartbreakingly important novel . . . reminds readers that hope can be found in even the darkest moments." —Real Simple



"Emotional . . . sinks its hooks into you from the very first sentence." —Marie Claire

**Only Child**  
A NOVEL  
Rhiannon Navin

Women's Life Group meets 1:00 –2:00 p.m. every Thursday at Redeemer. Bible study using Gather magazine, award-winning publication from the Women of the ELCA. Copies are available from Anna, or you may subscribe online through the WELCA website. We will be studying about our emotions, emotions in the Bible, and our responses. What does it mean to experience God's anger or wrath? Is it okay to be angry? Do we have to be afraid of God? Will we be punished for our anger? What about joy and laughter? Love and sorrow? Contact Anna Prockish 785-212-0685 for more information.

Women's  
Life  
Group

# Thrive of the Heartland fundraiser

## THRIVE OF THE HEARTLAND CHILI FEED & QUARTERMANIA

TICKETS IN  
ADVANCE \$5  
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TICKETS AT THE  
DOOR \$6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH  
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# September 8 at Ashby House



**God's work.  
Our hands.**



# September 8 at Ashby House continued

Over 35 volunteers of all ages from Immanuel, Redeemer, and St. John's Lutheran Churches participated in "God's Work. Our hands." Sunday on September 8 at Ashby House in Salina. Ashby House empowers homeless families and individuals to improve self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, and holistic recovery. Congregation members worked in the newly located family shelter taking out nails and prepping spaces for construction. Others worked in a nearby Ashby House facility cleaning out construction debris. Over at the main office, the downstairs crew put together LWR Baby Kits and School Kits, while the upstairs crew sorted and organized donated items for immediate accessibility.

Ashby House Facilities Manager, Jeff Shaw, stated that the work done by our crew would have taken weeks for staff to accomplish. And some things would have never gotten done. While the rain kept us from doing the originally planned outdoor landscaping, the indoor work kept folks busy. And Jeff invited us back later this fall for another work day to do the landscaping. More info will be coming when that is scheduled. Thank you to everyone who participated in "God's work. Our hands." this year! It's good to serve our Salina community as a common ELCA presence!



# Lectionary for Sundays in October

## Sunday, October 6—17th Sunday after Pentecost

[Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#)

[Psalm 37:1-9](#)

[2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)

[Luke 17:5-10](#)



<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

## Sunday, October 13—18th Sunday after Pentecost

[2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c](#)

[Psalm 111](#)

[2 Timothy 2:8-15](#)

[Luke 17:11-19](#)



<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

## Sunday, October 20—19th Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 32:22-31](#)

[Psalm 121](#)

[2 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#)

[Luke 18:1-8](#)



<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

## Sunday, October 27 — Reformation Sunday

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

[Psalm 46](#)

[Romans 3:19-28](#)

[John 8:31-36](#)



<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’ ”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

# Partners in Ministry

**ALTAR GUILD: Tom Mertz, Rod & Rosemary Anderson**

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Greeters	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Diane Conover & Cheryl Itschner	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand	Ted & Barbara Wire
Lector	Virg Augustine	Ted Wire	Diane Conover	Jan Jackson
Communion	Virg Augustine & Gary Mettlen	Ted & Barbara Wire	Diane Conover & Kathy Lowman	Gary & Sue Mettlen
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

Greeters	Debbie & Ray Beckman	Loren & Phyllis Harris	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Jon Hotaling & Chad Curl
Ushers	Alan English & Tom Drown	Grant & Kris Johanson	Larry & Pam Strahan	Wayne & Carol Keeler
Communion	Viv Cook, Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Wayne Keeler, Gary & Lana Jordan	Kris Johanson, Carol Kuhlman & Arlene Keil	Dan Metcalfe, Tom & Mary Mertz
Lector	Kendra Albin	Debbie Beckman	Alan English	Kris Johanson
Sound	Ray Beckman	Mary Mertz	Tom Mertz	Kris Neff
Fellowship	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Dennis & Carol Kuhlman	Jim & Viv Cook	Grant & Kris Johanson

## News & Info

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve? The **Altar Guild** welcomes new members and we would love to have you join us. It usually involves setting up or cleaning up communion for one month at a time, however more than one-month positions are available. Please contact Viv Cook at 785-502-5346 if you are interested. Thank you!



# Church Happenings

## Wedding bells are going to ring in October!

The Steinle-Wells wedding rehearsal will be in the sanctuary Friday, October 4 beginning at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The wedding is the next day and will occupy the church from 12 noon until 6 p.m.



Redeemer's ***Creation Care Team*** invites adults and youth to participate in a video and discussion series, "EarthBound," between services on Sunday mornings, beginning on October 6, for six weeks. Pastor Strommen will facilitate the first session, and members of the Creation Care Team will provide leadership in the weeks to follow.

"This cutting-edge series takes Martin Luther's breakthrough understanding of Justification and Vocation and explodes it across God's magnificent creation. EarthBound is a journey beyond the rhetoric into God's rich and complex creation.

"Discover the origins of our misconceptions about Scripture's portrayal of creation. Recognize God's call to us to relate to the whole creation as our vocation. And experience how God's people throughout the Church are living out that call."

October 6: Created/Called

October 13: Here/There

October 20: Domination/Dominion

October 27: Me/We

November 3: Now/Forever

November 10: Enough/Too Much

Join us at 9:10 am in October and November for this thought-provoking series as we learn from one another. Feel free to invite friends who might be interested in how our faith calls us to care for all that God has made.

## VIDEO AND DISCUSSION SERIES



## Take Note!



# PARIS TO PITTSBURGH

THURSDAY, NOV. 21 | 6:30 P.M. | FITZPATRICK AUDITORIUM, KWU

### Documentary Presented by KWU and Redeemer Lutheran Church

"Paris to Pittsburgh" is a 2018 documentary film directed by National Geographic and produced by Bloomberg Philanthropies, National Geographic and RadicalMedia. The film spotlights the cities, states, businesses and citizens taking action from coast-to-coast, including in America's heartland, while exploring the very real social and economic impacts of climate change-fueled disasters. "Paris to Pittsburgh" features voices from local leaders and ordinary Americans, presenting the stories of resiliency and recovery from disaster.

A roundtable discussion featuring local environmental leaders will follow.

Admission is free, but seating is limited so tickets are required.



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# Take Note!

Salina Chapter of Homestead, a human trafficking solution in the Salina area, is hosting an information meeting Tuesday, October 15, in Fitzpatrick Auditorium on the campus of Kansas Wesleyan University. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 P.M. Speakers and survivor stories will begin at 6:00 P.M. Free but registration is required. Call Deb Kluttz 785-537-7173 or email [homesteadmhkdirector@gmail.com](mailto:homesteadmhkdirector@gmail.com)



As of the end of the church year this year 2019, which actually goes to February 1st, I will no longer oversee the Kitchen, Kitchen Closet Supplies, and Fellowship assignments. If anyone wants to discuss a plan to go forward or volunteer, just let me know. I'm here to help with the transition. Thank you!  
**Kris Johanson**

**Bishop Emeritus Munib Younan** is coming to the Bethany College campus in October to share insights regarding Christian/Muslim relationships. Bishop Younan is the Lutheran Bishop Emeritus of Jordan and the Holy Land and has most recently served as President of the Lutheran World Federation. His wisdom and experience will certainly provide students, faculty, community members, and area clergy and PMAs with an unparalleled opportunity to engage in religious and political reflection on communities of faith in the Middle East.

#### Thursday, October 10

5:30 – Dinner and Panel Discussion in Lindquist Hall, *RSVP required*

7:00 – Panel discussion in Lindquist Hall on the topic of interfaith approaches to immigration and borders

#### Friday, October 11

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. – Bishop Younan, Chapel Talk

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Lunch in Levin Room, *RSVP required*

1:00 p.m. – 1:50pm – Bishop Younan's Public Address in Pearson Chapel, Mabee Welcome Center

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.– Younan meets with interested individuals, Mabee Welcome Center.

#### Sunday, October 13

9:30 a.m. – Preach at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lindsborg

To register follow link below:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/1f66a1ba001/581b8702-6362-45e1-a65d-c9c5dec51e09.pdf>



# We are Family

- 10/07 Chad & Christine Curl
- 10/14 David & Charlotte Herrman
- 10/20 Joe & Anita Hartley
- 10/22 Curtis & Andrea Pickering



## Happy October Birthday!

4	Mary Shaffer	13	Betty Baxter	20	Shellee Callahan
5	Marilee Vancil	14	David Wahlgren	22	Denise Dusin
5	Robert Nelsen	15	Phil Sedo	22	Steve Callahan
9	Lana Jordan	16	Meghan Smith	22	Rodney Anderson
9	Todd Koers	16	Ben Strommen	27	James Nelsen
11	Craig Alstatt	19	Aaden Nuss	29	Judith Clausen
12	Sam Neff			31	Vivian Cook

**PARIS**  
TO PITTSBURGH



### Date Change!

The Paris to Pittsburgh film is postponed until Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. so that we can make it a really big community event. You won't want to miss it! See the flier on page 9 of this newsletter.

You can obtain tickets online or contact Mary Mertz to get your FREE tickets.

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The November Newsletter deadline is October 14th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

# Godly Play

Have a busy week?

We are open late on Wednesday and you can leave the cooking to us.

Wednesday night at Redeemer is a rewarding and relaxing time for everyone.

Come and join us for all or part of the evening activities.

**For more information contact: Carol Kuhlman at  
577-2365 , Sandi Drown at 452-2417, or Carol Keeler  
at 493-5485.**



## **5:30 - Weekly Meal**

The evening begins with a light supper, prepared and served by Redeemer volunteers, in the fellowship hall. The meal is free, but donations are accepted.

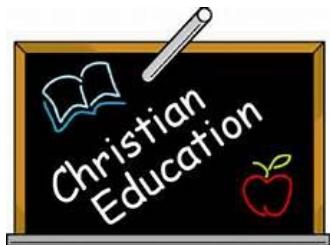


**6:00 - Godly Play** for children age 3 through 3rd grade.

**What is Godly Play?** A child-honoring way of entering into and experiencing the biblical story. We use manipulative story characters and imagination to experience the biblical story through narrative story, parables, liturgical actions and silence. Children are not told what to believe, but are exposed to the story experience. Through this open-ended approach we hear the deepest invitation to come play with God.

**6:00—Connect** for 4th-6th Grade class with Debbie Beckman

**6:00 - Worship**—An informal Communion worship service is held every week.



## **After Worship stay for more learning**

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation with Pastor

High School with Sheila Alstatt

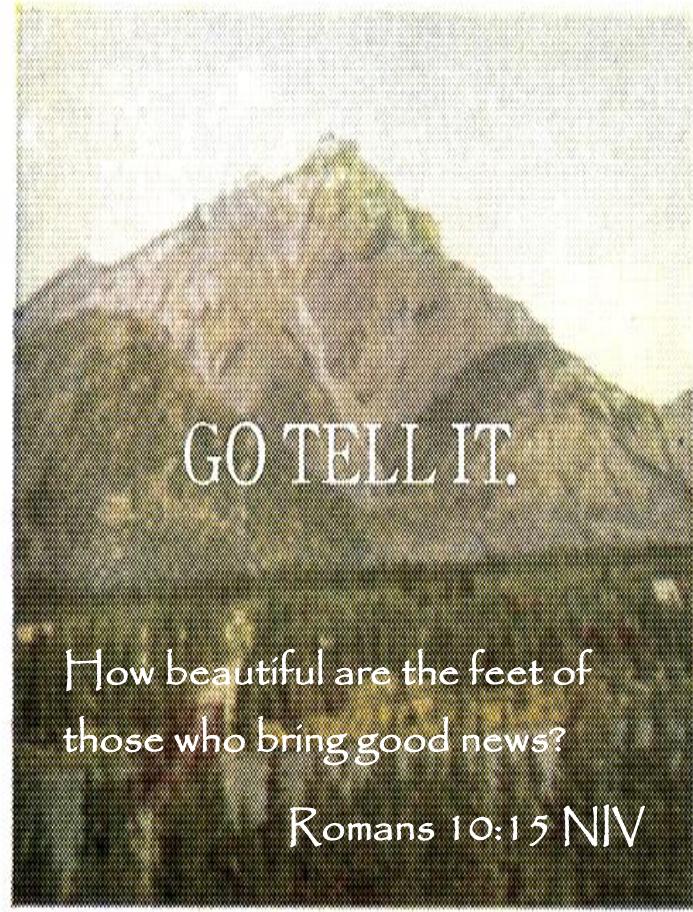
Adults with Pastor David Strommen



**7:15**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 545 Worship & Music	2 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	3 100 Women's Life Group 600 Council Meeting	4 600 Steinle-Wells Wedding Rehearsal	5 1200 Steinle-Wells Wedding
6 800 Worship 910 Earthbound 1030 Worship	7 630 G.U.Y.S.	8 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	9 100 Women's Life Group 600 Council Meeting	10 11 1100 Rejoicing Spirits	11	12
13 800 Worship 910 Earthbound 1030 Worship	14 1200 Newsletter deadline	15 400 Page Turners	16 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	17 930 Silver Needles Sew-In 100 Women's Life Group	18	19
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### Weekly Church Events

#### Sunday Communion Worship

8:00 Communion worship

10:30 Communion worship

#### Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

#### Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30—Dinner

6:00—Godly Play

6:15—Communion Worship

Followed by Education

7:15—Music practice

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and  
Worship Accompanist:**  
Britney English

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