

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Ringer

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This month we as a denomination come together to express publicly that which quietly goes on daily in our church: God's Work, Our Hands. In small and big ways we understand that God is at work in our lives and in our world. We cannot stop it. Our faith rejoices in this because God's Work saved us!!!! In that faith we understand that God then uses us faithful to declare the love expressed through Jesus Christ....This is "Our Hands". From food pantries, to hot dishes, to an encouraging phone call, to a shoulder to cry on, to prayer in the still of the night, to Lutheran Social Services, Good Samaritan Homes and Bethany Homes, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Advocacy, ELCA Colleges and campus ministries and the day to day work of all of you called to various vocations, our hands reveal the love of God in Christ Jesus.

This year we are taking up a shower of gifts for our local women's shelter and facility called Ashby House. We will hear from its director, Rev. Andy Houlberg. We connect with sister congregations through this work here in Salina and we rejoice that God continues to give us vision to see beyond our own needs to those that can use help from us in ways untold and often unseen.

We rejoice in God's Work in this world so "hell bent" on division, where our God brings a peace and healing and division no more. One of my favorite scriptures is

"How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 57:2

And Paul's quoting it in Romans: And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15

But a Psalm verse (along with others) points to our hands as well...Hands and Feet and everything in between as Paul says in 1st Corinthians are used by God.

"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
○ prosper the work of our hands!" Psalm 90:17

*In Christ,
Pastor David.*

Council News

Council Highlights for August

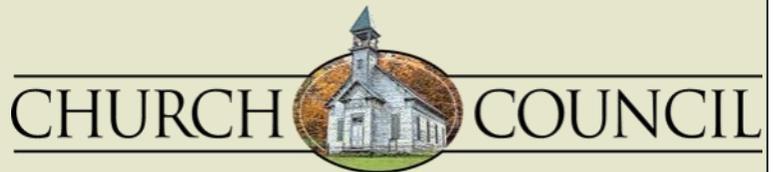
August 13, 2020 Meeting

It was decided to consider opening up the in-person services to fifteen households, but wait until two weeks after USD 305 opens up. That first Sunday would be September 13, 2020. The Council will make the final decision at the September meeting. We will let the congregation know as soon as the decision has been made. Thanks for everyone's patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Education is looking at how to open up Godly Play. The teachers surveyed their students and the majority do not want to do it online, so at this point we are delaying the start to see how things go with the start of school. Education will meet again mid-September to discuss it again.

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

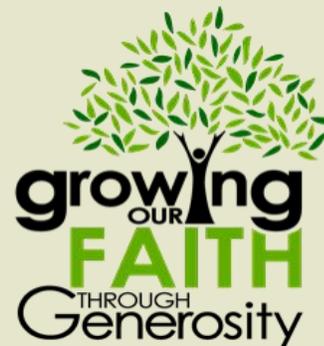
Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month



Budget Information

Treasurer's Report for end of July

Income \$239,367
 Budgeted Income for the year \$290,400
 Total Expense \$164,558
 Budgeted Expense for the year \$298,375
 Mortgage Balance \$339,044



Included in Income is \$51,318 which has been paid as additional principal on the promissory note.



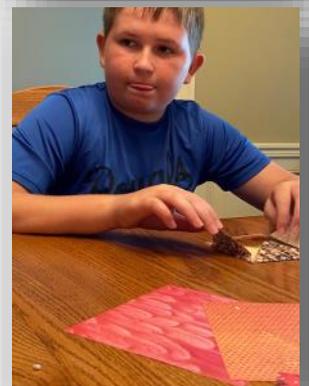
The Endowment Fund

FYI: Redeemer Endowment and Memorial Committee funds are available to our members by application. There are application guidelines for each committee. For more information please contact Wayne Keeler for endowment and Cheryl Itschner for memorial.

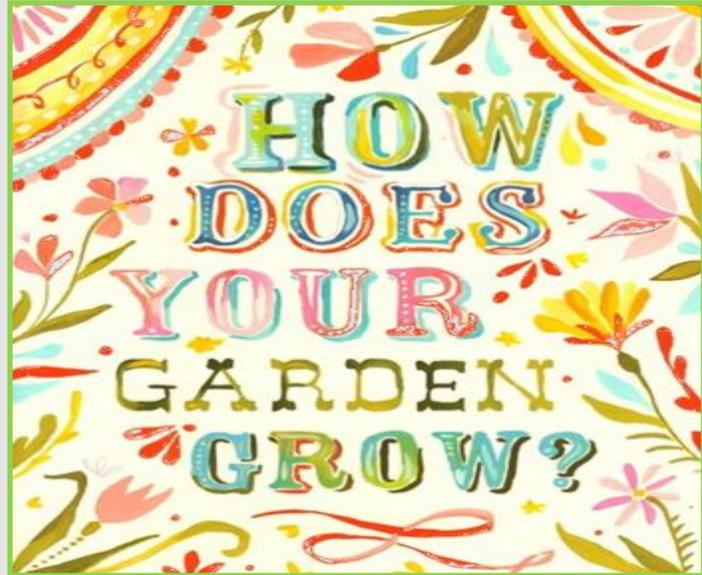
More Vacation Bible School photos



Check out VBS videos on Redeemer's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Redeemer-Lutheran-Church-110480542378151/>



More Gardening photos



1. Tomatoes in Mary Shaffer garden
2. Black Swallowtail butterfly in Mary's garden
3. Hibiscus in Mary's garden
4. Crape Myrtle in Mary's garden
5. Eastern Swallowtail butterfly in Mary's garden
6. Noni's bumper crop of tomatoes
7. Luke with melons from the English garden
8. Tomatoes growing in the Mertz garden
9. Praying Mantis in Mary's garden

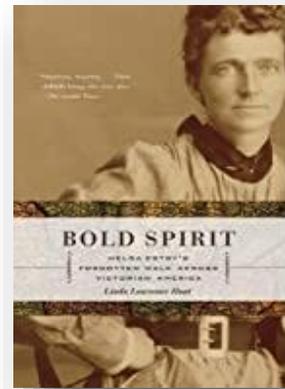


Redeemer News



It's getting closer to the time when we will be packing the baby kits for Lutheran World Relief. We have all the clothing items but still need bar soap, hand towels and cloth diapers for the kits. I can order the diapers from Amazon for around \$260 for the 200 diapers we need. The towels can be bought at Walmart's for \$1.00 each and the soap is about \$1.00 for 2 three-four ounce bars. If you would like to help with this project you can donate money and I'll do the shopping - put the money through the offering designated for LWR baby kits. If you would like to directly buy any of the items please have them to the church by September 10th.

Thank you, Debbie Beckman



September 15

Bold Spirit

by Linda Lawrence Hunt

Host & Leader: Pastor David

Meet at Redeemer

Pageturners meets
the 3rd Tuesday of
the Month at 4:00.

Season of Creation



The Season of Creation is a liturgical season of the Church Year, observed Sept. 1 – Oct. 4.

Last year Redeemer celebrated this season with a video series, "Earthbound." This year we have a wonderful online resource to share: Four devotions by the leaders of four different churches in North America. One is our own Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA. The others are from The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Redeemer's Creation Care Team has teamed up with our Music Staff to share these brief devotions, along with the hymns that each writer noted as an inspiration to them.

The season, which begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, is a time to join with the global Christian community in renewing, repairing and restoring commitments to God, to one another and to all of creation. For the four churches, it is also a time for strengthening relationships with one another. Through Scripture, hymns, advocacy and action, the weekly devotions, which begin Sept. 6, invite people to live out their vocation as stewards of creation.

"We pray that our actions as stewards of God's good creation will continue to deepen not only in this season, but for all time," said Eaton. In the opening devotion, the leaders stress the significance of a collective responsibility in caring for creation. "Waking up to matters of climate justice and environmental stewardship are among the most important callings people have today. Over many years, through many voices, our churches have come to a growing conviction that loving our neighbor includes loving Mother Earth as a neighbor."

The devotions will be available on Redeemer's website and Facebook page. You'll also find videos of the accompanying hymns, sung by Redeemer members. Don't miss the Britney English and Family singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"!

God's Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, September 13, 2020

With Immanuel, Redeemer, and St. John's Lutheran Churches

9:30 am – Worship at Redeemer

Preacher: Pastor Andy Houltberg, Ashby House Executive Director

“Ashby Housewarming” Party –

a collection of items to help support the ministry of Ashby House. See list on next page and deliver to Redeemer by Friday, September 11.

PLUS

Acts of service as individuals or small groups.

COVID-19 has magnified the needs of people around us – for food, child care, health care, and basic needs. During the week of September 6-13, you and your family or circle of caring are invited to share a picture of how you share God's love in the spirit of God's Work. Our Hands. Maybe you can deliver groceries to an elderly neighbor, or help make sack lunches for school children, or donate blood. The opportunities are endless! Our hands are needed to help others. Please send your pictures to Noni Strand (nonistrand@gmail.com) These pictures will be shared on our October newsletters to in-



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



Mary Mertz runs a children's gardening program at the Food Bank. This year they had a bumper crop of potatoes -- and decided to make potato salad to share with the families at the Ashby House. "I guess we did God's Work Our Hands a little early this year!" Mary says.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Ashby Housewarming

The following items are needed by Ashby House for their ministry with women and children in need. Please give as you are able and share your love and service by delivering your items to your congregation (Immanuel, Redeemer, or St. John's) by Friday, September 11, 2020. Delivery will be made to Ashby House on Sunday, September 13, for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday.

<p>Prayers</p> <p>Cash donations – checks can be made payable to Ashby House</p> <p>Toilet paper</p> <p>Paper towels</p> <p>Laundry soap</p> <p>Dishwashing liquid</p> <p>Scouring pads, sponges, and cleaning supplies: examples- Windex, 409, Bleach, disinfectant spray, etc.</p> <p>Feminine hygiene products: pads, wipes, tampons</p> <p>Latex gloves and face masks</p> <p>Size 1 and 2 diapers</p>	<p>Pots and pans, toasters, kitchen towels, coffee makers</p> <p>Silverware sets</p> <p>Plate, cup, and bowl sets (Corelle reliable brand)</p> <p>Twin fitted and flat sheet sets / Twin pillow cases / Twin size pillows / twin blankets</p> <p>BATH TOWELS!</p> <p>Spiral notebooks or journals and planners</p> <p>Gift cards 10 to 25\$ to Dillons, Casey's (for gas), and Walmart</p> <p>Four 40-inch Vizio flat screen smart TVs as sold at Sam's for about \$200 each (cash can be designated)</p>
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Community News

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 10/13/2020 at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

For Redeemer members, this event is Tuesday, October 13th, here at Redeemer. Reserve your space now by either using the information above or using the sign-up sheet at the church's welcome counter in the narthex.



Position Requirements:

Required: High School Diploma, Background Check (through First Presbyterian Church Salina), knowledge of Bible, desire to work with youth, desire to use experience in position to grow personally and professionally.

Qualifications: Must be flexible, dependable, mature, able to communicate well, and able to work well with both youth and adults. Must profess a personal faith in Jesus Christ and must be able to communicate that faith effectively. Pluses: Knowledge of adolescent development phases, new communication and signup technologies, Reformed Theology, and Presbyterian Polity are pluses, but not requirements.

We will work with the hired candidate to provide proper training in these areas.

Compensation:

- \$15 per hour
- Should this position be taken to fulfill college credit, First Presbyterian Church is willing to work with the Youth Ministry Director and their school to adjust this position to meet the school's course requirements.

Start Date:

Immediately

To apply for this position, please send your resume to Rev. Keith Phillips:

keith@fpcsalina.org

P.O. Box 585

Salina, KS 67402

(785) 825-0226 x223

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TO JOYFULLY THINK, QUESTION, GROW AND SERVE!**

Visit us online at www.fpcsalina.org

Looking for Youth Director

First Presbyterian Church of Salina

The needs of the Salina Rescue Mission for September 2020 include:

Allergy Medications
Band-Aids
Breakfast Cereal
PPE Masks
Aleve



This helps to feed and care for the hungry and homeless, it also stretches our general fund dollars.

Please help; donations can be dropped off anytime at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 Summers Road in Salina, or call us at 785-823-2610.

For more information go on-line to www.salinarescuemission.com

Lectionary for Sundays in September

September 6 — 14th Sunday after Pentecost

[Ezekiel 33:7-11](#)

[Psalm 119:33-40](#)

[Romans 13:8-14](#)

[Matthew 18:15-20](#)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



September 13 — 15th Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 50:15-21](#)

[Psalm 103:\[1-7\] 8-13](#)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had



taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

September 20 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost

[Jonah 3:10-4:11](#)

[Psalm 145:1-8](#)

[Philippians 1:21-30](#)

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Lectionary continued & Worship News

September 27 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost

[Ezekiel; 18:1-4, 25-32](#)

[Psalm 25:1-9](#)

[Philippians 2:1-13](#)

[Matthew 21:23-32](#)

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."



ALTAR GUILD: Teresa Nelsen & Brenda Tonniges

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 9:30 a.m. SERVICE

	September 6	September 13 God's Work Our Hands	September 20	September 27
Usher	Joe Plumer	Jan Jackson	Alan English	Ray Beckman
Lector	Jan Jackson	Alan English	Britney English	Debbie Beckman

This year for **God's Work Our Hands Sunday**, in addition to our "housewarming" event for Ashby House, the Creation Care Team is encouraging you to think of small projects you could do within your family unit. It could really be any project that addresses community beautification, social equity, conservation of God's resources, or any other cause your family finds worthwhile. For example, my family will be putting together "blessing bags" similar to what was done a few years ago. Our plan is to leave most of them at Redeemer and encourage the congregation to find opportunities to distribute them to people in need. While you're doing the project, be sure to take pictures to send in for the Newsletter!

Alan English



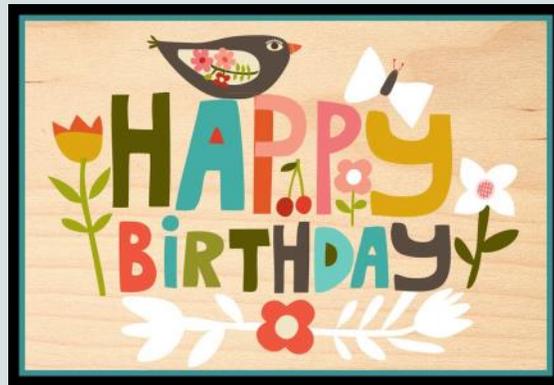
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Redeemer Celebrations

9/3 Dan & Janet Gill
 9/13 Wayne & Carol Keeler
 9/17 Ken & Tresa Mayfield
 9/17 Aaron & Amanda Nuss
 9/19 Stuart & Amy Gronewoller
 9/27 Tom & Sandi Drown



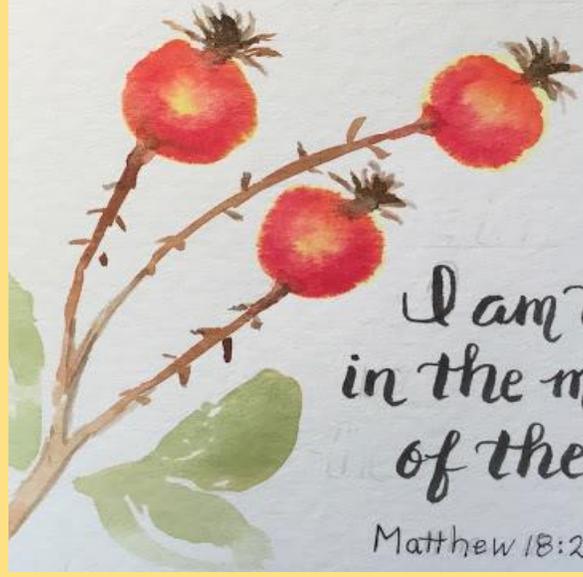
9/2 Ayden Whitaker	9/15 Jared Wagoner	9/21 Larry Manz
9/3 Phyllis Harris	9/16 Bailee Steinle	9/21 Kheaven Washburne
9/6 Noni Strand	9/17 Sam Shaffer	9/22 Corey Pennington
9/7 Mary Mertz	9/19 Jordan Alstatt	9/25 Kahlán Metcalfe
9/10 Shelli Bell	9/20 Heather Wagoner	9/25 Gus Peterson
9/11 April Augustine	9/21 Harold Klæge	9/27 Ann Garrison
9/12 Jon Plumer		9/29 Kayla Nuss

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The October newsletter deadline is September 25th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>for worship services always available!</p>				
		1 515 Education 545 Worship & Music	2 900 Bible Study	3	4	5
6 930 Worship	7  Office Closed	8 630 GUYS	9 900 Bible Study	10 600 pm 	11	12 1100 Rejoicing Spirits
13 930 Worship <i>God's Work. Our Hands.</i>	14	15 400 Page Turners	16 900 Bible Study	17 115 Women's Life Group 930 Silver Needles Sew-In	18	19
20 930 Worship	21 600 Silver Needles	22	23 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play 615 Tentative Worship	24 830 Breakfast at IHOP 115 Women's Life Group	25 1200 Newsletter Deadline	26
27 930 Worship	28	30	<p>Please always double check the online calendar as this may change after publication. Thank you!</p>			

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I am there
in the midst
of them.

Matthew 18:20

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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Worship

9:30 worship

Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

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**Bell Director and
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Britney English

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