



# 2019 NETWORK

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### *A Spirit of Thanksgiving and Joy*

Have you noticed that we are often quick to criticize and slow to appreciate? Show a white page with a small black dot in the middle to a group of people. Ask them what they see. I bet you most, if not all, will say, "A black dot!" I guess, it's a normal answer since the black dot is what stands out on a white background. Yet, this helps us illustrate how we tend to be about others and all we are given. We see the half-empty glass, instead of a half-full glass!

Take the church's Divine Service. We have all the blessings of the Gospel and the sacraments given to us right here in our midst at Redeemer, Sarnia. The Lord Jesus comes and visits us. The Holy Spirit does His work among us. The Word and love of God are proclaimed with joy and authority! We sing with profound biblical words about all that God does for us in Jesus - forgiveness, life and salvation! Renewal of our inner being by the Holy Spirit! The hope of the world to come! And this all wrapped up in music that the great orchestras of the world still sing (our hymns, as re-harmonized by Bach, are performed by many philharmonic orchestras all over the world). Are we thankful for that? Hopefully we are. But I hear complaints like, "We have to turn the pages of the hymnal! I don't like the music! I want a printed service so I don't have to turn the pages!" I want, I want, I don't like, I don't like ... And I see people missing church for no good reason. My only response to that is, "Remember all those who are persecuted and martyred because they are Christians, then try to complain about turning a page or having to sit through a Service for about one hour, or a "long" 1 hour and 15 minutes!"

You will say, "Pastor you are being harsh". My goal is not to put you down, but it is to elevate you to joy. Instead of complaining, try praising God daily and as often as possible for all He gives you in the Church Service and through the teaching of the Gospel. Instead of complaining about others in your family or in the church, give thanks for all of God's blessings for you through them! Also tell them how you appreciate them. You might make their day brighter! And tolerate the dark dots of their lives. Even better, forgive them as God forgives each and every one of us (remember the Lord's Prayer??). Pray for them. Pray for your enemy. Love all people. I confess that, I too, need to grow in being thankful. I also tend to see the dark dots. God forgive us through Christ our Lord and help us do better!

This spirit of thanksgiving and praise will give you joy, for you will live in contentment and concentrate on being a disciple of Christ, on learning from His Word. God grant us to always give thanks!

From Luther's Small Catechism, The Eighth Commandment.

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbour, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way."

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true."

*Pastor Jason*

*From the President of our Congregation...*

## **June update - 2019 Constitution and Bylaws Review**

I'd like to take a minute to update the members of Redeemer on our ongoing review of Redeemer's Constitution and Bylaws.

In the March 2019 Network, I reported that a working committee consisting of myself, Pastor Kouri and Sheila Ginn completed a review of our current Constitution & Bylaws in early 2019. We presented a draft revision of proposed amendments at a special Board of Directors meeting held on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The endorsed and proposed changes to Bylaws were sent to Daniel Grams of the LCMS constitution committee in late February.

We have since received a response from the LCMS constitution committee in late April. The majority of the suggested changes were quite minor in nature (mostly grammatical) but there were one or two items which required further deliberation and consensus by our board. We are currently in the process of final revision, and then circulating our final draft Constitution to the LCMS review committee to make sure we have everything right. We anticipate receiving endorsement from the LCMS constitution committee sometime during the summer.

The last step is to call a special meeting of our Voters' Assembly for deliberation and adoption. It's in the congregation's best interest to have a good turnout for this very important meeting, so it makes sense to call the meeting once vacation season is over – most likely in early to mid-September.

In closing, the LCMS Guidelines remind us that 'Congregations are free to structure themselves in such manner that they believe will be most effective for carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord in a manner that is in harmony with Holy Scripture, the Confessions, and the teachings and practices of the Synod'. It's important that our Constitution and Bylaws provide an accurate declaration of this.

As always, please feel free to reach out to myself, Pastor or any Board member if you have any questions.

Dan Hansen, President



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## **REDEEMER'S 84<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY** **SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

**Sunday, June 9** has been chosen to celebrate the 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation.

A congregational potluck dinner will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Following dinner, we will be entertained by the Sarnia and District Community Choir. This choir, directed by John Kaldeway holds their weekly practices in our parish hall.



Please sign up AS SOON AS POSSIBLE on the poster in the front foyer, indicating what type of dish you will be bringing to share, as well as the number from your family or group attending.

If you wish to assist with set up beforehand, or clean up after the dinner, please speak with Sheila Ginn.

# **W.O.R.S.H.I.P. NEWS** **(Women Of Redeemer Sharing** **Helping In Prayer)**

The Annual Ladies' Night Out was held on Wednesday, May 29 at the home of Sheila Ginn with 16 in attendance. Although the weather was not the best for a BBQ or a swim, the evening went well. Thanks to all who attended.



We will meet again on **Wednesday, September 25 at noon** for a soup lunch and assembly of the *Handy Hand Bags* for the Women's Interval Home. Reminders will be put in the Sunday bulletins closer to the date. Please remember to save your gently used purses for this project.

## **Funeral Receptions**

If you would like to be a part of the Funeral Reception Team, please contact Sheila Ginn at 519-542-3663 or by email. Volunteers are necessary so that we can provide families with caring service during their time of need. Both men and women are part of this group.



## **Kitchen News**

Please refer to the user-friendly maps posted in the kitchen to locate dishes, utensils, etc. When working in the kitchen, please return items to their proper places and ensure that all used items are cleaned and emptied before being put away.

**Anyone wishing to donate items to the kitchen should first contact Sheila Ginn.**



## **NEIGHBOURHOOD BARBECUE**



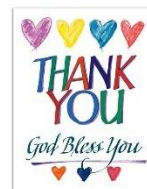
I wish to thank all the volunteers who participated in the Neighbourhood BBQ held on Saturday, May 25.

The weather cooperated and we were able to hold the event between storms. Our neighbours were most appreciative and thanked us repeatedly for having the event.

As co-ordinator, I appreciate all the effort put into the project by so many.

*Sheila Ginn*

Thank you to Sheila Ginn for all her "behind the scenes prep work" necessary to make our annual Neighbourhood BBQ a successful event to welcome our neighbours.



***Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in any way with the funeral reception following the service for Leta Slancek on Wednesday, May 22. The family appreciated your service.***

## **CHURCH STATISTICS**

### **FUNERAL**

May 22, 2019 at Redeemer

**Leta Slancek**

March 31, 1925 – May 15, 2019



## **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES**

***Change email address for:***

Jeff & Kelly Mutis  
jtm220@gmail.com

***New address for:***

Rob & Jane Filip  
538 Wheatley Drive  
Sarnia, Ontario N7S 0A8



## **DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS**



If you would like to donate altar flowers in 2019, please check the flower chart on the hall bulletin board and sign up there.

**There are many Sundays still available.**

If you have never donated flowers and would like more information, please speak with Jane Anne in the church office.

## **ALTAR GUILD MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild on **Saturday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m.**



## MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERINGS



It has been suggested that the men of Redeemer schedule their breakfast events on a more regular basis. Ron Steinman has selected that the group meet the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Nick's Restaurant (London Line) in Sarnia. The dates for the next four months are as follows:

**June 8, July 13, August 10 and September 14.** The reservation will be made under the name "Lutheran Men's Group" at Nick's.

If you have any suggestions or would like more information about these gatherings, please contact Ron Steinman at [rsteinman45@cogeco.ca](mailto:rsteinman45@cogeco.ca).



### GEORGIAN SINGERS MEN'S CHOIR

**Sunday, June 16**

We are pleased to announce that the Georgian Singers will join us in worship on **Sunday, June 16.**

The Georgian Singers is a Sarnia men's harmony choir that provides sacred and secular music across the greater Sarnia area.

Originally founded as a quartet in St. George's Anglican Church (now All Saints), the group expanded to an octet to ensure all parts were represented. Subsequently the group grew to approximately 25 members.

Please join us in worship on June 16 to hear this talented group of singers.

A small reception with coffee and goodies will take place following the service.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next General Assembly meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 23** after morning worship. A light lunch will be served.

Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend.



## **garden time**

Spring is here and soon it will be summer! We are looking for people to volunteer to

water and week the **annual flower beds near the entrance to the church.** These flowers usually need to be watered once a week (if it doesn't rain). If we have enough volunteers, you would be scheduled to water for one week a month or less, depending on how many helpers are available.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You can also call Daphne Whitson (519-383-9300) who is arranging the schedule.



## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES



The last date for our Monday evening services will be **Monday, June 24.** God willing we will continue mid-week services in the fall.

We will continue to worship throughout the summer on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School will finish for the summer on June 16 and will resume in September.

Our Sunday morning Bible Study will finish on Sunday, June 16 and will also resume in September.

## PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

**Pastor Jason will be out of the office from Monday, July 1 until Thursday, August 8.**

**He is taking vacation, as well as attending the LCMS National Convention in Florida.**

**For any pastoral needs during this time, please contact our church Elder, Peter McPhail (519-336-3055) or our Chairman, Dan Hansen (519-330-1291).**





# SERVING AS WE WORSHIP IN JUNE 2019

## JUNE 2, 2019

**USHERS:** F. Brown, B. Loerke, G. Laucek, H. Wygergangs  
**LECTOR:** Michel Poliquin  
**COMMUNION:** A. Bork, R. Honke  
**ALTAR:** J. A. Rose, M. Kleinsmith, S. McPhail, W. Hansen  
**ALTAR LINENS:** Anne Voytko  
**COFFEE:** George Laucek

## JUNE 9, 2019

## 84'rd ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

**USHERS:** J. Cadman, D. Cook, T. Yarc, J. Mutis  
**LECTOR:** Bill Cadman  
**COMMUNION:** J. Burchill, R. Steinman  
**ALTAR:** J. A. Rose, M. Kleinsmith, S. McPhail, W. Hansen  
**ALTAR LINENS:** Anne Voytko  
**COFFEE:** Bill & Jane Cadman

## JUNE 16, 2019

## FATHER'S DAY

**USHERS:** I. Lough, B. Bork, B. Rose  
**LECTOR:** Dana Heno  
**COMMUNION:** T. Cooper, P. Kleinsmith  
**ALTAR:** B. A. Pounds, I. Wygergangs,  
 L. Kleinsmith, S. Cooper  
**ALTAR LINENS:** Anne Voytko  
**COFFEE:** Sheila Ginn



## JUNE 23, 2019

**USHERS:** R. Steinman, J. Roszell, R. Honke, S. McPhail  
**LECTOR:** Jeff Burchill  
**COMMUNION:** D. Barraclough, L. Kleinsmith  
**ALTAR:** B. A. Pounds, I. Wygergangs,  
 L. Kleinsmith, S. Cooper  
**ALTAR LINENS:** Anne Voytko  
**COFFEE:** Kelly Mutis, Kristian Barraclough

## JUNE 30, 2019

**USHERS:** J. Cadman, D. Darrach, B. Loerke  
**COMMUNION:** B. Fielder, J. Shuster  
**ALTAR :** J. McPhail, D. Cook, J. Schooley, G. Behm, J. Behm

**LECTOR:** Debbie Cook  
**COFFEE :** Bill & Jane Cadman  
**ALTAR LINENS:** Connie Yarc

## BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE



June 1 – Vivek Gidla  
 June 3 – Carol Henrikson  
 June 5 – Kathy Darrach,  
 Karen Loerke  
 June 6 –  
 Madison Huzevka  
 June 7 – Olga Woods,  
 Rowan Zilinek  
 June 9 – Katherine Ryan  
 June 10 – Elliot Makulski  
 June 11 –  
 Marianne Jackson,  
 Rob Myllyoja  
 June 13 – Don Ahrens  
 June 14 – Dorothy Burchill,  
 Michelle Ramon

June 15 – Julie Mutis  
 June 17 – Bob Jordan,  
 Lauren Kleinsmith  
 June 18 – Alysha Bork,  
 Nathan Darrach  
 June 19 – Jamie Jordan  
 June 21 – Peggy Helliker,  
 Paul Kleinsmith,  
 Connie Yarc,  
 Maddison Rose  
 June 23 – Jeff Jordan,  
 John Voytko  
 June 26 – George Krause,  
 Alaina Clarke, Finn Pender  
 June 27 – Lowell Behm  
 June 28 – Brian Hansen,  
 Janice Maxfield  
 June 30 – Helga Brown



## ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE












Manfred & Susan Gruening  
**June 1, 1974**  
 John & Betty Smith  
**June 2, 1962**  
 Greg Klatt & Samantha  
 Soeder  
**June 7, 2008**  
 Dan & Cheryl Makulski  
**June 7, 2014**  
 Walter & Loretta Wagner  
**June 13, 1964**  
**55 years!**  
 Fred & Kathy Brown  
**June 15, 1985**  
 Karl & Amber Brown  
**June 15, 2012**  
 Scott & Kelly Westlake  
**June 17, 2006**

William & Betty Anne  
 Pounds  
**June 20, 1964**  
**55 years!**  
 Jamie & Elise McGregor  
**June 23, 1990**  
 Ken & Phyllis Lockrey  
**June 24, 1967**  
 Tony & Connie Yarc  
**June 24, 1983**  
 Gary & Daphne Whitson  
**June 26, 1982**  
 David & Debbie Paisley  
**June 28, 1986**  
 Roger & Lynda Ellis  
**June 28, 1968**  
 John & Diane Cox  
**June 29, 1963**  
 Pete & Meghan Pender  
**June 29, 2017**  
 Len & Gloria Meere  
**June 30, 1975**



*“He has made streams come out of the rock  
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.”*

*Psalm 78:16*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> No Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 	<b>3</b> No Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm Redeemer Choir 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 
<b>9</b> <u>Anniversary Sunday</u> 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Anniversary Potluck	<b>10</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 pm Board of Directors 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <u>Father's Day</u> 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 	<b>17</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Altar Guild 
<b>23</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am General Assembly Meeting	<b>24</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship (last until fall)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:00 am Worship Wear red & white to worship today!	<b>1</b> 		For the months of July and August we will only publish “Serving As We Worship” and the monthly calendar.			