

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

November, 2025

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30a

Kids: Old Testament

Adults: St. Matthew

Midweek Bible Study:

+ 1 Peter +

Thurs, Nov. 20, 6 PM

At Redeemer & Teams
(Weekly Classes will
Resume in December)

Elders & Council:

Monday, November 3,
6:30 PM at the Church.

Ladies' Guild Meets

Sunday, November 16,
after Church.

Book Club— We are
looking at Gene Veith's
book The Spirituality of
the Cross. Our next
meeting is planned for
sometime early Dec.

Please Contact Pastor—

• **Private Confession**

• **Christianity 101**

• **Jr. Confirmation**

**The Congregation
Prays:**

**A Devotional Guide
In Sunday's Bulletin!**

Hot Chips and a Squirrel

What happens to a squirrel when he eats
©Flaming Hot Cheetos? It never occurred
to me to ask. But apparently this is a new
pastime for people with door cams. Leave
out an open spicy snack bag, and a glass of
milk, and see what happens.

I laugh deliriously. Then my conscience
kicks in: Poor little guy. I take comfort
that he feels better after he jumps *into* the
milk glass to find relief from all the Scoble
units he unwittingly encountered in pursuit
of an afternoon treat.

Then it's on to the next thing.

Someone is caught two-timing. Another
"Karen" gets what is coming to her. A
high-speed chase plows through the city.

If it's not "doomscrolling," then perhaps
it's Netflix which will roll from one epi-
sode to the next with no end in sight.
There is no limit to the content... and no
limit to the time we might spend on it, at
times when it sucks us in.

God is the One who imposes limits. The
limits He sets are good. He sets limits for
the day and night; for the seasons and for
the years. He sets limits for evil, and how
far He will endure it. He sets limits for the
age and tells us to watch and pray, for the
end of all things is fast approaching.

We don't see it. Maybe in our not seeing
it, we don't think about it. Maybe in our
not seeing, we scarcely believe it. Maybe
we don't believe at all, but instead live as
functional agnostics in a world full of end-
less choices, virtually limitless options,
and constant distractions.

**The end of all things is at hand; therefore
be self-controlled and sober-minded for
the sake of your prayers. (1 Peter 4:7)**

Somewhere (if not here) leaves are turning
colors. The air is blowing colder to mark the
certainty of changing seasons. The Church
in her wisdom has watched and listened.
She has given us the gift she learns from her
Lord: to mark these seasons, and to observe
a time to remember the end.

We don't live forever. All our lordly options
and choices do not make us immortal, nor
do our wealth and possessions guarantee us
blessedness in the Day of Judgment. In fact,
what we have deserved and earned for our-
selves was unexpectedly Flaming Hot. And
there was no next thing.

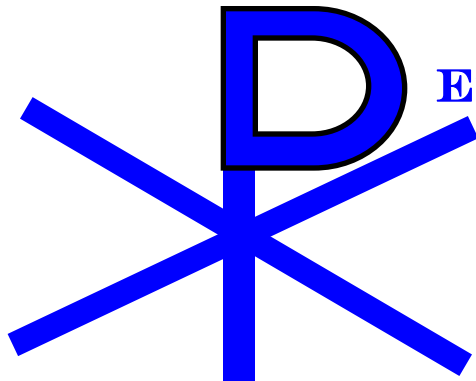
To some extent or another we feel the heat,
so to speak, when our consciences accuse
us; when the fear of impending death and
Judgment sneak up on us. One squirrel in
particular comes to mind—he ate the hot
stuff, screamed, and ran desperately away,
without ever tasting the milk!

Your conscience finds relief and peace
when Christ is proclaimed to you in the Last
Days. Your future is guaranteed by Jesus
who took the punishment for you, from the
trap that closed on us at the first human sin.
Jesus has taken all your sins away. He sets
before you the promise that guarantees eter-
nal blessedness. **Like newborn infants, long
for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may
grow up into salvation-- if indeed you have
tasted that the Lord is good. (1 Peter 2:2-3)**

God grant it, I'll see you Sunday!
Pastor Hamilton

• **Men's & Women's
Church Work Day
Saturday, November 22, 9AM
Lunch Provided!**

• **Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, Nov. 26, 4PM**
• **Decorations for Christmas!
On Sunday, Nov. 30**



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In response to various requests from some of our membership to stay informed about meetings, plans and projects, this back page of our newsletter is provided. Please let Pastor know if there is more that we can do to keep everyone in touch and informed!

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*Please Promote our
Worship Services and
Online Content*

**Thank you to all our
Volunteers: Altar
Guild, Music, Ladies
Guild, Kitchen,
Properties—And
Now Volunteers for
our Sunday School!**

**Please Pray for our
Sunday School, for
our children, for our
families, and for our
faculty and staff!**

**Thank You
Everyone!**

***Come to Church!
Come to Bible Study!
Bring a Friend!***

- **Our Forum met on Sunday, October 5th at the Bible Class Hour** in advance of the **Voters meeting on October 6th at 6:30 PM at the Church.** What follows is an abbreviated, unofficial record of minutes for that meeting:

Reports were presented. Actions were taken: Low voltage exterior lighting was authorized, an offering for a fund for a new outdoor sign was authorized, occasional work days for cooler months were planned.

The first work day was a big church family event in October. People worked inside and out, had a pizza lunch, and 1000 lbs of trimmings and weeds was hauled away. Thank you everyone for your efforts!

- **Midweek Bible Class** continues on **Thursday Evenings at 6PM, in person at Redeemer** and on **Microsoft Teams. Only One Thursday Bible Study is planned for November because of other events: We will meet on Thursday, November 20th.** Our Midweek Bible Class will resume meeting each week in December after the Thanksgiving holiday, and continue until Christmas week. Please join us as we continue to study **the book of 1 Peter.** Your Link to join the class online:

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9367419412339?p=3VieYxdvLBuNh2dpyl>

- **Thank you to Erika Schmeissing** for hosting the **Book Club** for us in recent months. We plan to meet at another location sometime in December to discuss a book we would like to give as a gift to our friends and guests. The book is Gene Veith's *The Spirituality of the Cross*. The Book Club is for men and women, members of the church as well as family, friends and neighbors. The book is available from Amazon.
- **Ladies' Guild** is scheduled to meet on **Sunday, November 16th at Church.** Thank you to all of you for all your volunteer efforts! Regular reports are given in the meetings:

Treasury, Alpha Pregnancy Center, Fellowship, Hospitality,
Altar Guild, Sunday morning Fellowship.

We currently have Judy, Marilyn, Vicki, and Erika doing communion preparation. Sue Muth continues to make coffee for us. Vicki Richards and Susan McIver are taking care of the kitchen. Carole and Heather are our Sunday School teachers. We rely on volunteers for puppets. Thank you!