

Dear Redeemer Family,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

It has been several months since our lives have been changed due to the Pandemic. Since that time I have sought to communicate with you in a variety of ways: emails, letters, phone calls, our Facebook page and our YouTube channel. Opportunities for you to be connected to our congregation have increased during this time.

These are trying times. I have been praying for you! At the same time, I have been troubled and deeply concerned for your spiritual welfare. And yet, the Lord reminds me to cast my cares on Him, for He cares for all of us. He cares for you! Thanks be to Him!

It has been difficult to minister to you in these times. Hospitals will not allow me to visit with you when you are admitted. Nursing home facilities have banned personal visits. Sunday School and Bible classes have been put on hold. Much of my ministry has been built on developing and trying to maintain a personal relationship with all of you. Please remember that I am here to serve you. Please call me (740-215-3295) if I can be of any help.

Still, God is doing great things at Redeemer. The Church doesn't close during a Pandemic. During this time an abbreviated worship service is posted each Sunday morning for those of you who might feel apprehensive about gathering in larger groups. Worship services are conducted every Sunday at 10:15, masks and social distancing are still required. The sanctuary is sanitized before each worship service. A Bible class on the Psalms has been held on Wednesday evenings using Zoom. Devotional material reviewing Luther's Large and Small Catechisms have been posted to Facebook and YouTube. The sermon is posted to our web page each week. We have taken measures to make certain that you have the opportunity to be in the Word. Please make the most of your opportunities! **For those of you who would like to commune privately, please contact me to set up an appointment.**

Our school has opened with 64 students. Special measures have been taken to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students. If you could see the work that has been put in to make this happen, and the ongoing work of education that continues on a daily basis, you would be humbled and amazed at what God is doing. Thanks to the many members who volunteered to assist with the school reopening, and a special thanks to Becky Daubenmire who has led this effort.

In the future we will begin our Midweek Advent Services in December and I will post the sermon in some form to one of our social media platforms. We will begin a new Bible study on Wednesday evenings in the New Year using Zoom. In the absence of Bible study, I will be preaching on a book of the Bible so that we might all focus our attention on a particular book of the Bible. We will continue to seek new ways to serve you and the people of our community. Your ongoing support of our ministry together is crucial. Please continue to keep Redeemer in your prayers and continue to support the ministry with your ongoing tithes and offerings.

You are all in my prayers. I remain in your service and His!

In Christ,

Pastor Davidson